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Danger Spot

PARTS of President Eisenhower's budget message to Congress and the high priority which the subject is to be given at the forthcoming Washington talks between Sir Anthony Eden and the President, emphasise the degree of concern with which the British and American governments view the present situation in the Middle East.

The once so-called "Eastern Question" has, in one form or another, been a major international subject since the Russians first annexed Turkish territory and since Bonaparte landed in Egypt. Today the vast oil resources of some of the Middle East countries have made the area economically, as well as geographically, world important. Unfortunately it is not only important, it is disturbed and unstable, and during the past 12 months the situation has not improved, it has deteriorated. The causes are manifold. There is the disruptive activity of irresponsible Saudi Arabian leaders in Jordan and the Persian Gulf; the sudden accession of oil wealth there seems to have touched off a new Saudi imperialistic movement. There is the unhappy, and unforeseen impact of the Baghdad treaty on Egypt and other Arab states. But above all, there is the fact that the always worrying situation on the Israel-Arab borders has become worse and a source of greater anxiety.

ONE of the aggravating factors has been the intensification of the competition of arming between Israel and her neighbours. Until this year a rough, and uneasy balance had been kept by the policy of the three Western powers or restricting their sales of arms to all Middle East countries. This has now been made quite ineffective by what amounts to a small arms race between Israel and Egypt.

The quantities may not, in fact, be very important. The disturbance of the "balance" may not be great. But the psychological effect has been disastrous. Israel now suspects that Egypt and the other Arab states are re-arming secretly as well as openly. The Arabs suspect the same of Israel. Each believes that the other is preparing to attack as soon as it judges the moment favourable. All thinking is dominated by mutual fears.

THAT is the most perilous of all international situations. There is the danger of a sudden local incident touching off a "chain reaction." There is the temptation to think that if a collision is inevitable it would be wise to strike first. A "second round" of the Palestinian war looks dangerously more possible than it did a year ago.

This is the gravest of all the problems which President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden have to consider. And for them the problem is made no easier by the knowledge that they cannot provide a solution. The days when great powers could decide and dictate are gone in the free world. Ultimate decisions, ultimate responsibilities, have in these days to be taken and assumed by nations which are now fully sovereign and independent.

The best hope is that between them, the British and American leaders may be able to suggest steps and to advance offers which would make a detente, and even a settlement, possible. Even that would be a delicate operation, for both Israelis and Arabs are sensitive and inclined to suspicion. But of one thing neither should be suspicious: the supreme interest of both Britain and the United States in the Middle East is to preserve peace and restore stability.

ONE DEAD
& SEVEN
INJURED

Bombay, Jan. 16.
One person was killed when Police twice opened fire in the thickly populated Thakurdwar area of central Bombay to quell violent demonstrations.

Earlier the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, had broadcast an announcement, that the city was to be brought under the administration of the central government.

Seven people, including a woman, were reported injured, when Police fired to prevent about 1,000 demonstrators setting fire to a building and to disperse others stoning buses and trams.

One train was set on fire. Violence was reported from north Bombay where a Police kiosk was set on fire.

A government statement said 45 people had been gassed for "mischievous activities."

400 ARRESTED

A strong Police guard was immediately posted in the area where trouble started soon after the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, made his broadcast from New Delhi.

Earlier reports said more than 400 Communists and leftist trade union leaders were arrested during the day as Police took precautions against outbreaks between Maharashtra and Gujarat and their supporters.

The arrests began in the small hours of the morning and continued throughout the day as armed Police and wireless equipped jeeps patrolled the city which was tensely awaiting the momentous decision on its future.

All 62 textile mills were idle and 12,000 workers stayed away from work at two railway workshops in north Bombay.

Most schools and colleges hurriedly closed as news of the arrests spread through the city.

PROTEST MEETINGS

Among those leaders arrested today were Nana Patil, Communist leader, S. G. Patkar, Secretary of the Communist-led Hill Mazdoor Union, S. G. Sardesai, Secretary of the Maharashtra committee of the Communist Party, and Vithal Choudhury, secretary of the Bombay branch of the All-India Trade Union Congress. The arrests were condemned by left-wing trade unions who said the Government of Bombay wanted to crush the movement to have Bombay city capital of a United Maharashtra State.

Several public meetings held this evening also condemned the arrests. Hundreds of people returning from meetings paraded the streets defying the ban of processions and at times forced passengers to leave buses and trams.

A resolution passed at a Communist organised meeting in the city's northern industrial area expressed no confidence in the Government of Bombay and called upon Maharashtra ministers and members of the State Legislature to resign.

'WAR DECLARED'

At another meeting, S. M. Joshi Praja, Socialist leader from Poona, asked Shankarrao Deo, who has been conducting negotiations with the Congress Party and Government of India for formation of Maharashtra state, including Bombay city, to call an all-party conference to chalk out a future course of action to achieve their objective.

He described the arrests as a "declaration of war on the people of Maharashtra."—*United Press*.

Floods In Portugal

Faro, Portugal, Jan. 16.
Flood waters for days of heavy rain swirled through the streets of the South Coast Portuguese village of Albufeira today, causing heavy property damage and at least one death. Shops and houses were flooded and one woman was drowned in the village, which is situated in a ravine facing the sea.—*United Press*.

Helicopters
Fly To Help
Of Ice-bound
Expedition

London, Jan. 16.
The Admiralty announced tonight it was sending help to the ice-bound British Antarctic expedition.

Helicopters from a naval ship off the Falkland Islands will try to find a clear path for the exploration ship "Theron" to its destination on the Antarctic coast, the Admiralty said.

The "Theron" reached on Sunday that it was drifting in pack ice about 15 miles a day from a position given as 67 degrees 43 minutes South latitude and 30 degrees 30 minutes West longitude.

"We might be nearing ice edge to north or west," the message said. "We cannot fly our seaplane in no water here."

The specially equipped, armoured helicopter "Protector" received the message and replied "Do you require ice reconnaissance to the north of you?"

NO DANGER

Dr. Vivian Fuchs, leader of the expedition, radioed back, "Many thanks. Very much welcome reconnaissance."

The Admiralty said the "Protector," equipped with two helicopters, was carrying out the mission. Its position was given as near Anvers Island off the west coast of Grahamland.

The "Theron," whose explorers plan to hike across the South Polar continent as part of the International Geophysical Year, was days behind schedule in its slow progress through coastal pack ice.

However, officials said there was no danger to the ship.—*United Press*.

US Wrestler
Charged With
Jewel Theft

Tokyo, Jan. 16.
Police in Tokyo today had a dragnet out for a 30-year-old professional wrestler said to be a Japanese accused of forcibly removing about \$15,000 worth of jewellery from a salesman summoned to his room in the Imperial Hotel here.

Police said the wrestler, who had been in Japan on a three-month exhibition tour, asked the jeweller to his room to make a selection of diamonds and pearls.

When the salesman arrived, he alleged, the wrestler and a friend overpowered him and tied him and gagged him.

They then departed with the "selection" including diamonds. The salesman said that wrestler thrust him, bound and gagged, into the bathroom of his luxury suite.

Around mid-day the salesman managed to loosen his bonds and call for help.

Police tonight had guards at ports and airports.

The salesman said he had taken valuable stock to the hotel room because he had been introduced to the prospective buyer by relatives of the hotel management.

Later tonight police announced the arrest of an American citizen accused of robbery. He was found in a cabaret.—*Reuter*.

5,000 Workers
On Strike
In Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 16.
Five thousand industrial workers of Singapore's naval base, the biggest British base in Southeast Asia, will go on strike on Tuesday morning. This action was decided today after a three-hour meeting of the Base Labour Union, in protest against the eviction of two workers' families from quarters in the naval base. The workers had refused to obey a notice to quit served on them on their retirement last September.—*France Press*.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MURDERED
MISSIONARIES HELD IN PLANE

Washington, Jan. 16.
A funeral service was conducted Saturday aboard a U.S. military plane circling over a small jungle clearing by a river in the wilds of Ecuador. Aboard the plane were the widows of five American missionaries killed the previous Sunday by savage Aucas Indians.

Below were the graves of the men. The story was told last night by radio.

Authorities would not risk landing the widows for fear they would suffer the same fate as their husbands.

All they could do was gaze from the windows of the C-47 at the graves while memorial services were read.

Near the graves was the skeleton of a small plane, stripped bare by the savage Indians. It was the plane in which five missionaries had landed on the narrow beach on January 3.

They were killed on Sunday, January 8, with wooden spears. Their bodies were found on Friday by a ground party of Ecuadorian soldiers and U.S. officials.

All the bodies were mutilated and one was decapitated. The search party buried them, set up the crude monument and departed, leaving the jungle to the Aucas. The story of the funeral service in the air was broadcast by

the short-wave radio station in Quito, Ecuador, the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, of which the murdered missionaries were members.

It was heard by Major John Woolnough, Air Force officer employed at nearby Fort Meade, Maryland, and brother of Nancy Woolnough, one of the missionaries at the radio station.

Major Woolnough said the widows wanted the world to know their husbands knew they might die if they went into Aucas territory. Today, a trust fund was opened for the widows and children of the five missionaries.—*United Press*.

NO ROUBLE DEAL FOR
THE RUBBER STATE

Tubman Not Tempted By Soviet Aid Plan

London, Jan. 16.
The Russians have failed in their attempt to get a foothold on Africa, south of the Sahara.

British diplomatic observers are convinced tonight Liberia has seen the last of the Russians—for the time being at least.

Mr. Alexander Volkov, President of the Supreme Soviet, flew home today after his visit to Liberia for the inauguration of President William Tubman.

Officially, it was understood, he was told that in view of the occasion for his visit, the Liberian Government could not do business with him.

A Polite 'No'

Unofficially diplomats are certain that the "excuse" offered by President Tubman was a polite way of turning the Russians down flat.

The Russians stayed on after delegations had gone home in the hope they might get a word in. In Monrovia, the Liberian capital, they left no doubt in anyone's mind they hoped to conclude an agreement for aid and trade—an agreement which would cover development projects guided by Russian technicians.

They even talked to the Press before they talked to President Tubman. And for a time it looked as though Tubman might be tempted.

He does need money for development. And he could do with technical help.

On the other hand, the country's main source of wealth is rubber and rubber in Liberia means the American Firestone Corporation.

May Come Back

The pull of the dollar seems to have been greater than the pull of the rubber.

Mr. Volkov, however, is a shrewd and determined man, and Moscow will no doubt try again another day.—*London Express Service*.

RUSSIAN AID FOR ASIA

Tokyo, Jan. 16.
Communist countries are accepting commercial losses to establish footholds in Asian countries, according to a survey from Japanese diplomatic missions presented today.

Japan's Asian diplomats are at present assembled in Tokyo to thrash out this country's foreign policy for Asia during the coming year.

A report from the conference made available to the press tonight the conference survey said Communist economic tactics were to a certain extent succeeding because they were disregarding commercial profits, buying above world prices and selling below market prices, even cutting the lowest Japanese prices.

The survey noted that Communist "aid" in fact provided for repayment and was on a smaller scale and less generous than for example the Colombo Plan.

However Japanese diplomats recorded the propaganda value gained from presentation of Communist-sponsored projects as aid plans especially in the wake of the Bulgarian-Koshechev visit to India and Burma.

The survey said Russia and China were also beginning to extend economic aid in Asian countries. Much of it was presented more for propaganda than practical value but it was causing concern in that it raised the question of limits of aid from the West especially the United States.

In addition the survey claimed the Communists high offer-

ing prices for raw materials were attracting Asians at a time when disposal of United States surpluses tended otherwise to reduce prices.

The survey said the Soviet Union has promised India economic aid in the form of supplies of one million tons of ordinary iron and steel goods and 750,000 tons of rolled steel items to be repaid by India by its various staple products over a 12-year period at a yearly interest rate of 2.5 per cent.

Czechoslovakia had also promised India similar aid for construction of a cement mill capable of producing four million tons a day.—*Reuter*.

SOUTH AMERICA NEXT?

London, Jan. 16.
Marshal Nikolai Bulganin's statement today calling for greater diplomatic and trade relations between Russia and South American countries might herald a Soviet drive to woo that area, diplomatic sources said.

Officials here declined comment on the Soviet Prime Minister's appeal to a magazine editor's question. But the prominence given to them by the Soviet Foreign Ministry was seen as particularly significant.

Diplomatic sources said any Kremlin moves towards Latin America at this time would be a natural development of the current Soviet policy of fostering neutralism and extending Russian influence by offers of economic aid.

They would follow the pattern already established towards

areas of Asia and the Middle East, these sources said. But in South America they would also be designed particularly to weaken United States influence, it was argued.

At present Russia lacks diplomatic relations with a number of South American states and South American leaders have not been among the political personalities who have been visiting Moscow in recent months.

But the source here acknowledged that Latin America was an area needing more trade and technical assistance.

Brazil's President—elect Senhor Juscelino Kubitschek was asked at a press conference during his 22-hour visit to Britain last week whether he would be prepared to accept Russian or Communist capital if it were offered to Brazil.

But he said he did not think the question arose as his current tour of America and Europe was of those countries with which Brazil had a long record of co-operation and friendship.—*Reuter*.

Pasha Seriously Ill

Paris, Jan. 16.
El Glaoui, former Pasha of Marrakesh, who is seriously ill, is being fed with difficulty, according to a report received here tonight from Marrakesh. The Pasha, who is being nursed in his Marrakesh Palace, was operated on for a stomach ailment last month. He retired from public life last week.—*Reuter*.

Death Came At 128

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 16.
Antonio Sardinha Gomes, farm worker of the nearby city of Campos, died today at the reputed age of 128. He leaves 14 children, 192 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.—*United Press*.

PLANS FOR
FRENCH
COALITION

Paris, Jan. 15.
M. Pierre Mendes-France's Radical Party today backed a proposal to form a "Republican Front" Government with the Socialists if called upon to do so.

The Radical resolution—endorsing a similar one approved by the Socialists yesterday—greatly enhanced the chances of a Republican Front leader being called upon to form the next Government.

M. Rene Coty, the French President, is, however, expected to call on the Socialist Secretary-General M. Guy Mollet to form any such government as M. Mollet has twice as many deputies in the new Assembly as M. Mendes-France.

The Radical resolution, which rejected any coalition with the centre-right parties, followed a speech in which M. Mendes-France had also rejected any idea of forming a Popular Front with the Communists—the largest single party in the Assembly following the January 2 elections.

ALGERIA FIRST

In his speech, M. Mendes-France put the peaceful solution of the Algerian question in the forefront of his programme for a new Government. M. Mollet has already expressed the same view.

The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, who was expelled from the Radical Party last December for dissolving the Assembly attended today's meeting.

M. Faure attempted to justify his policy, but was frequently interrupted. He was greeted with cries of "treason," "expulsion" and "we have had enough of you."

FAURE EXPLAINS

The outgoing Premier said he had not come to excuse himself. He felt the early dissolution of the Assembly was absolutely necessary, if only because a new Assembly was needed to deal with the urgent Algerian question.

"We ought to have a government of National Union, of all moderate parties of the right and left. The least we need is a bipartisan foreign and Algerian policy, as is the practice in Britain and the United States of America."

M. Mendes-France replied that there had been too much compromise in French politics. The line followed by the Radical Party under his direction (including the expulsion of M. Edgar Faure and other Radical leaders) was a matter of political probity.

On a show of hands, the meeting maintained the expulsion from the Radical Party of M. Faure until it came up for fuller consideration at the congress of the party due to be held next October.—*Reuter*.

'New Evidence'
In Ruth Ellis
Case, London
Paper Claims

London, Jan. 16.
A noted British crime writer promised "new evidence" today to show that Ruth Ellis should not have been hanged last July for murdering her lover.

Mrs. Ellis was hanged for shooting racing driver Davis Blakely on Easter Sunday.

"She Should Not Have Hanged," said the headline over Duncan Webb's story in the London Sunday paper *The People*. However, Webb held most of his "new evidence" for next week's issue.

The basis of Webb's argument for Mrs. Ellis concerned an alleged last-minute change in her story about the gun she used and how she got to the murder scene.

"TRAITOROUS"

Webb said the woman refused to correct her courtroom testimony until less than 24 hours before her death, saying it would be "traitorous" of her to tell the truth.

Two hours before she died, Webb said, Mrs. Ellis wrote a note to a solicitor to be opened after her death, in which she insisted she had not told the truth in the witness box.

Webb accused court officials of failing to give Scotland Yard enough time to check the woman's eleventh-hour alibi.—*United Press*.

Missile Will
Fly From US
To Moscow

Washington, Jan. 16.
The United States is to launch a guided missile, "capable of flying from Washington to Moscow," in the spring of 1957, "US News and World Report" said today.

In an article on inter-continental missiles the magazine said the Soviet Union was working on a similar project.

The magazine described the American inter-continental missile, "Atlas" as a giant version of the German wartime "V-2." It would stand 100 feet on its base, would reach a speed of more than 8,100 miles an hour and a height of 800 miles.—*France Press*.

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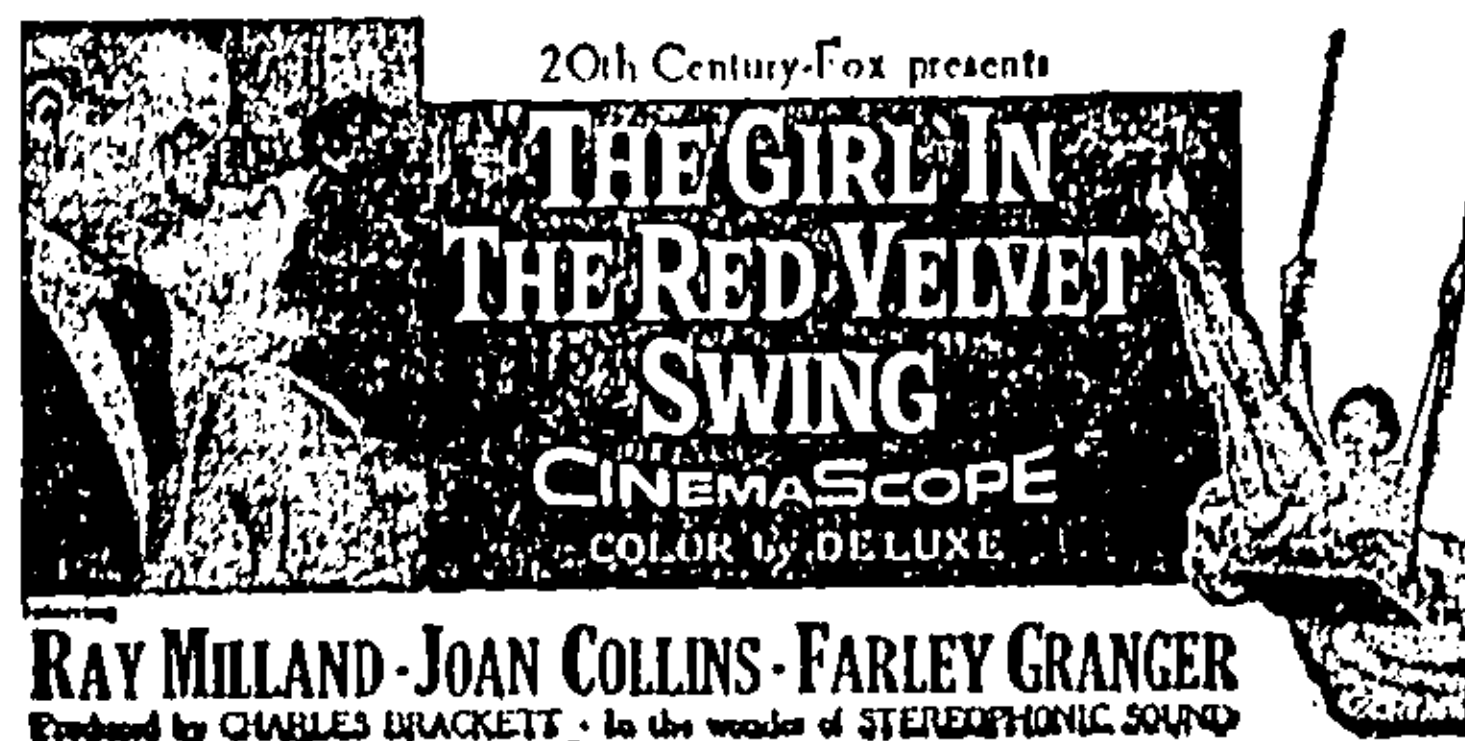


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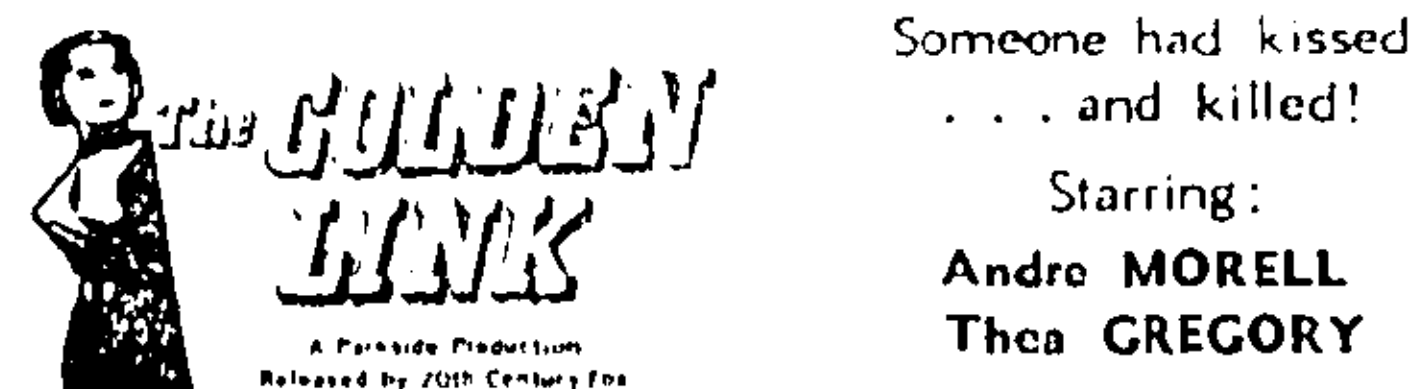
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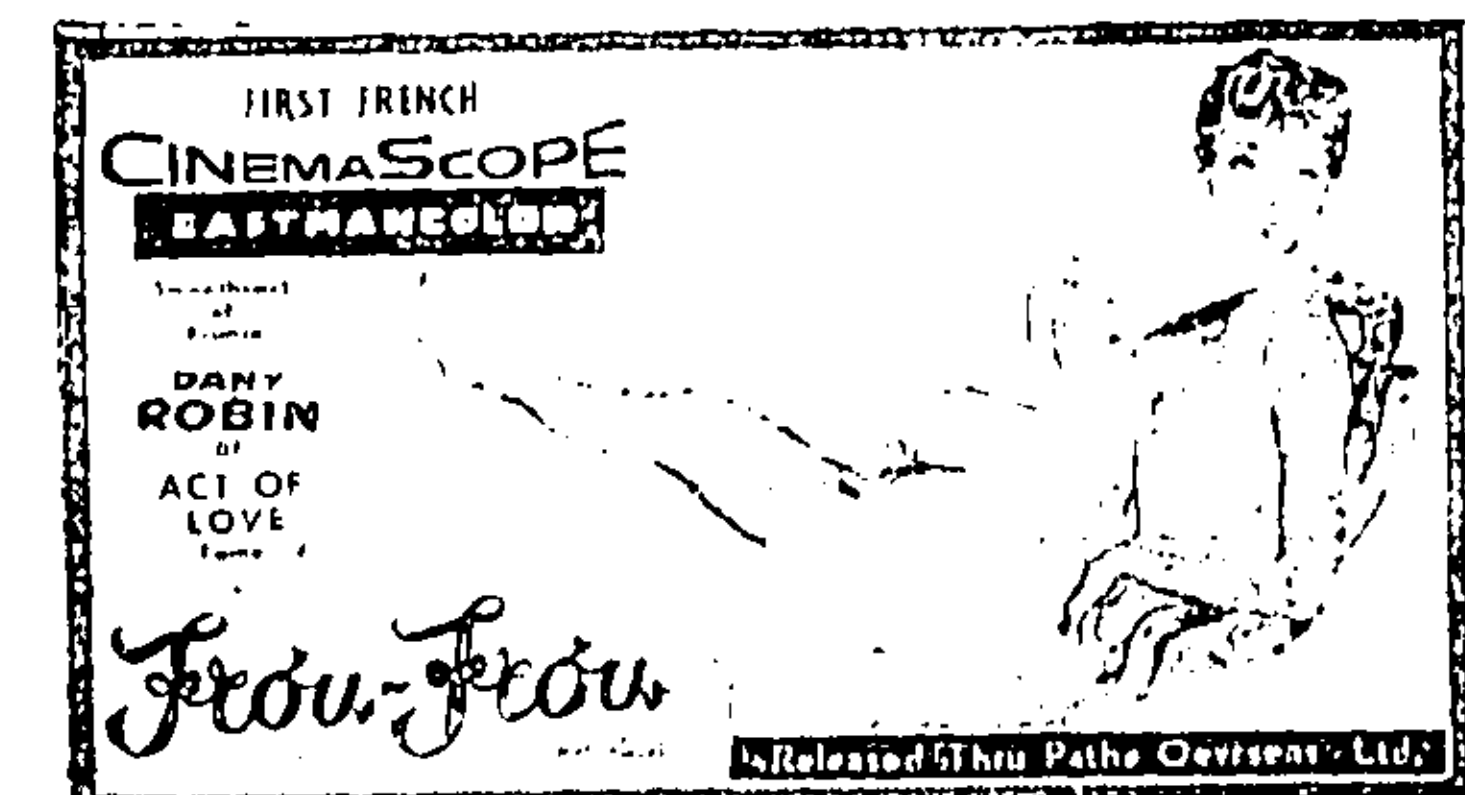


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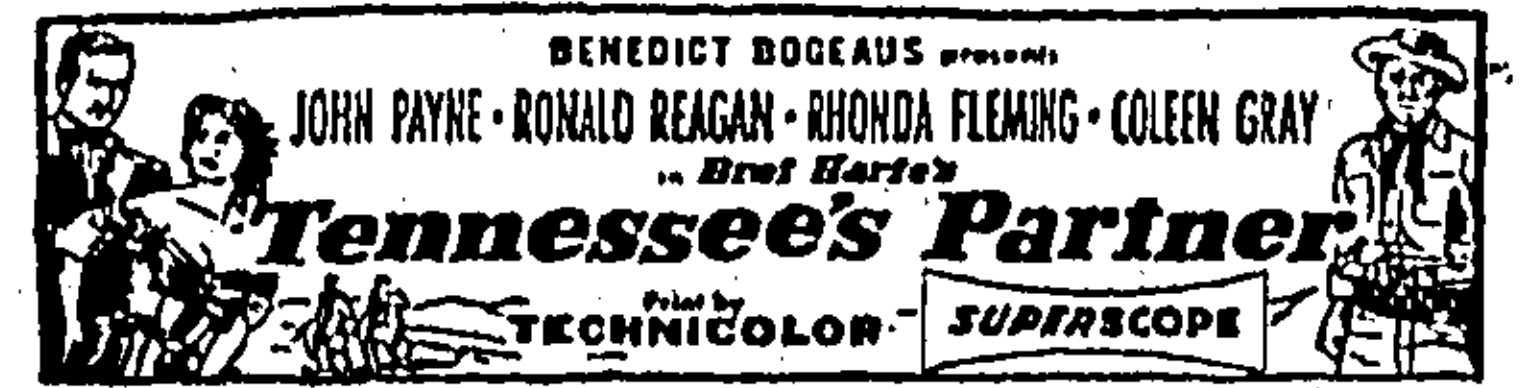
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COMMUNISM BLAMED FOR SITUATION IN S.E. ASIA

By Robert Miller

Melbourne, Jan. 16.

Australian Defence Minister Sir Philip McBride today blamed the aggressive policies of international communism for Southeast Asia's precarious state.

Welcoming delegates to a SEATO military advisers' conference which opened today at Victoria Barracks, Sir Philip said that Southeast Asia had become the most unsettled region in the world as a result of Red China's emergence as a major military power.

"It was originally hoped that the United Nations would provide a basis for collective security, but its effectiveness has been undermined owing to the right of veto," he said.

Menacing Shadow

It was to meet this situation that SEATO was formed, Sir Philip added.

"The threat of aggression and subversion continues to cast a grave and menacing shadow over the whole area. While free nations stand ready to seize every opportunity to extend the peace, it is obvious that they must also continue to exert untiring efforts to ensure the security and integrity of the area."

Sir Philip emphasised that today more than ever parts of Southeast Asia are constantly exposed to attack from within and from without. Watchfulness, preparedness and firm resolve are needed to protect the free peoples in this part of the world.

Encouraged Us

Sir Philip said that SEATO has achieved "an impressive record of steady and realistic progress of development of collective security for the defence of the treaty area." It is now possible for SEATO to proceed with preparation of an initial series of planning studies on defensive and supporting course of action to be taken in the event of aggression.

"These developments have encouraged us greatly in Australia, where we have a sense of urgency in respect to the situation in Southeast Asia," he said.—United Press.

John Wayne To Attend Paris Premiere

Lo Havre, Jan. 16.
Hollywood actor John Wayne arrived here today aboard the liner United States, en route to Paris for the world premiere of his new film "The Conqueror."

The film, a Howard Hughes production in cinemascope, co-starring Susan Hayward and Pedro Armendariz, has not yet been shown in America.

Wayne will later go on to London, Berlin and Rome to present his film.

Also aboard the liner was band leader Lionel Hampton, who is due to give a series of performances at the Paris "Olympie" music hall.—France-Press.

ORIENTAL SHOWING TO-DAY

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Brazil Announces New Policy

Bonn, Jan. 16.

The President-elect of Brazil, Senhor Juscelino Kubitschek, announced here today "a new policy" under which "all who wish to invest technique and capital in Brazil will be received as welcome friends and worthy co-operators."

Senhor Kubitschek made this announcement when he called on President Theodor Heuss of West Germany.

Senhor Kubitschek said that it had seemed that relations between Brazil and West Germany, her second largest trading partner, had reached their summit.

Senhor Kubitschek said that today in the new era the possibilities of development are even more promising.

Senhor Kubitschek, who ends a two-day visit to West Germany tomorrow morning, told a press conference later that he "did not doubt" that the question of frozen German assets in Brazil would soon be solved.

The assets, frozen during the war, amounted to 92 million marks after a recent settlement with the Bayer chemical concern, he said.

Senhor Kubitschek said he had not come with the intention of taking home definite results, such as loans. But he said he had "a lot of concrete plans" for the industrialisation of Brazil.

Talk Over Plans

He said he was also interested in developing Brazil's export of ores.

As a result of his talks several West German industrialists would visit Brazil during February to talk over plans for economic development, he said. He gave no details.—Reuter.

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TO-MORROW
"THE MAGNETIC MONSTER"

Eskimo Radar Operators

Ottawa, Jan. 17.

Eskimos are to be used as radar operators to give early warning of air attack in the North of Canada. Commissioner R. Gordon Robertson told the Northwest Territories Council today in Ottawa.

Eskimos have an extraordinary aptitude for mechanics, and are very dependable. It was stated at the Canadian Ministry of Northern Affairs.—France-Press.

Storm Not Recognised

Napier, N.Z., Jan. 16.

Torrential rain swept Napier, greasing the streets and battering flowers in the garden—but, officially, it never happened.

The local meteorological observer went to check the extent of the fall, and found the rain gauge bone dry. It stood in a freak patch left untouched by the storm.—China Mail Special.

Kampala, Jan. 16.

The Buganda native government proposes to introduce collective farming—on land to be leased from large African landowners—and free primary education.

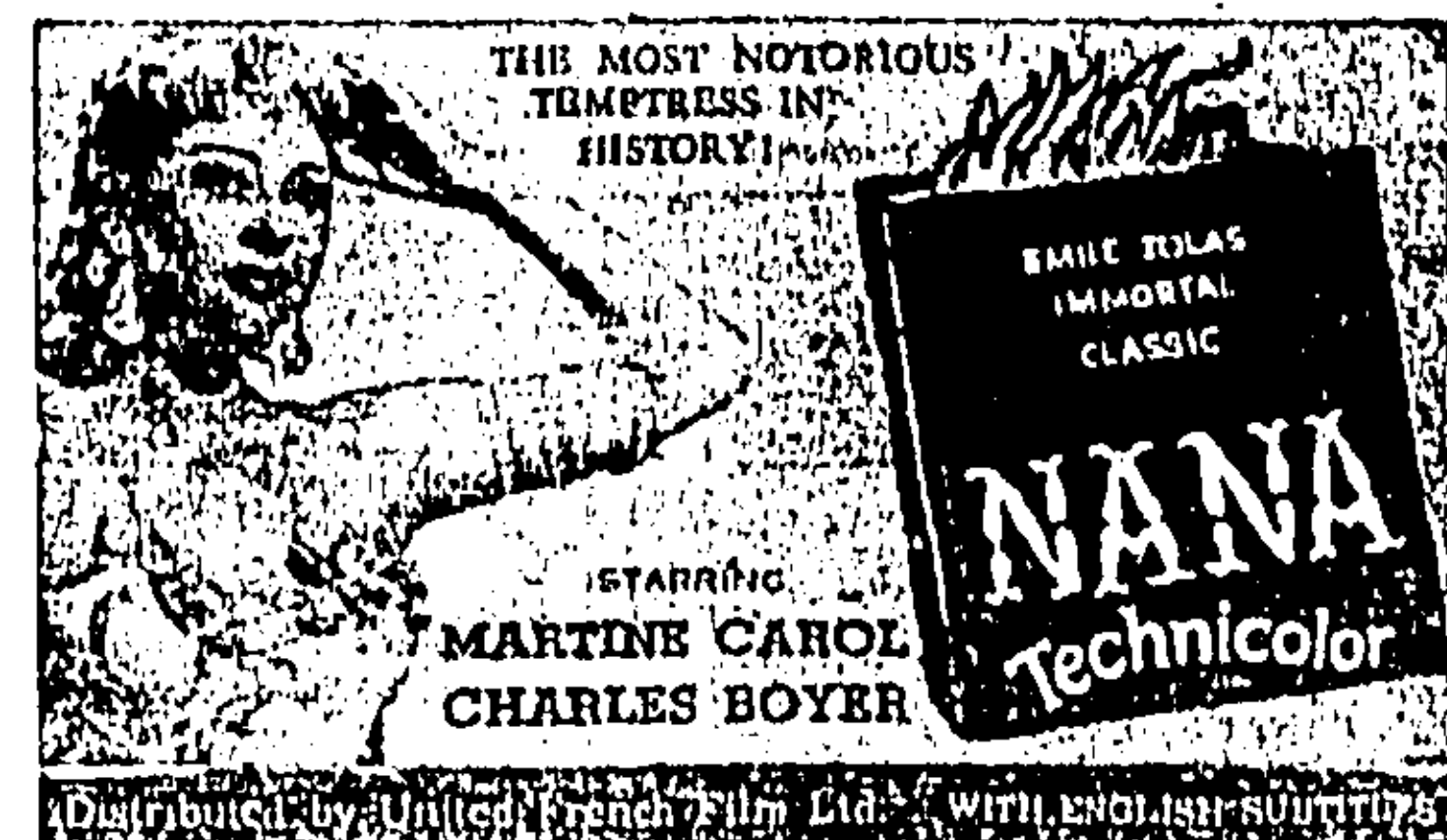
It also plans to send students for technical training in India in preference to Britain and the United States, a policy announcement said today.—China Mail Special.



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Rep. Rayburn

BRINK OF WAR!

Too Close For Me Says Sam Rayburn

Washington, Jan. 16. Mr. Sam Rayburn (D-Texas), Speaker of the House, today said that the "brink of war" statements by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, were "damaging to the peace."

"The brink of war is too close for me," Mr. Rayburn said.

The White House declined to make any comment on the Speaker's statement, but in a recent article in the magazine "Life," Mr. Dulles had said that the world was on the brink of war.

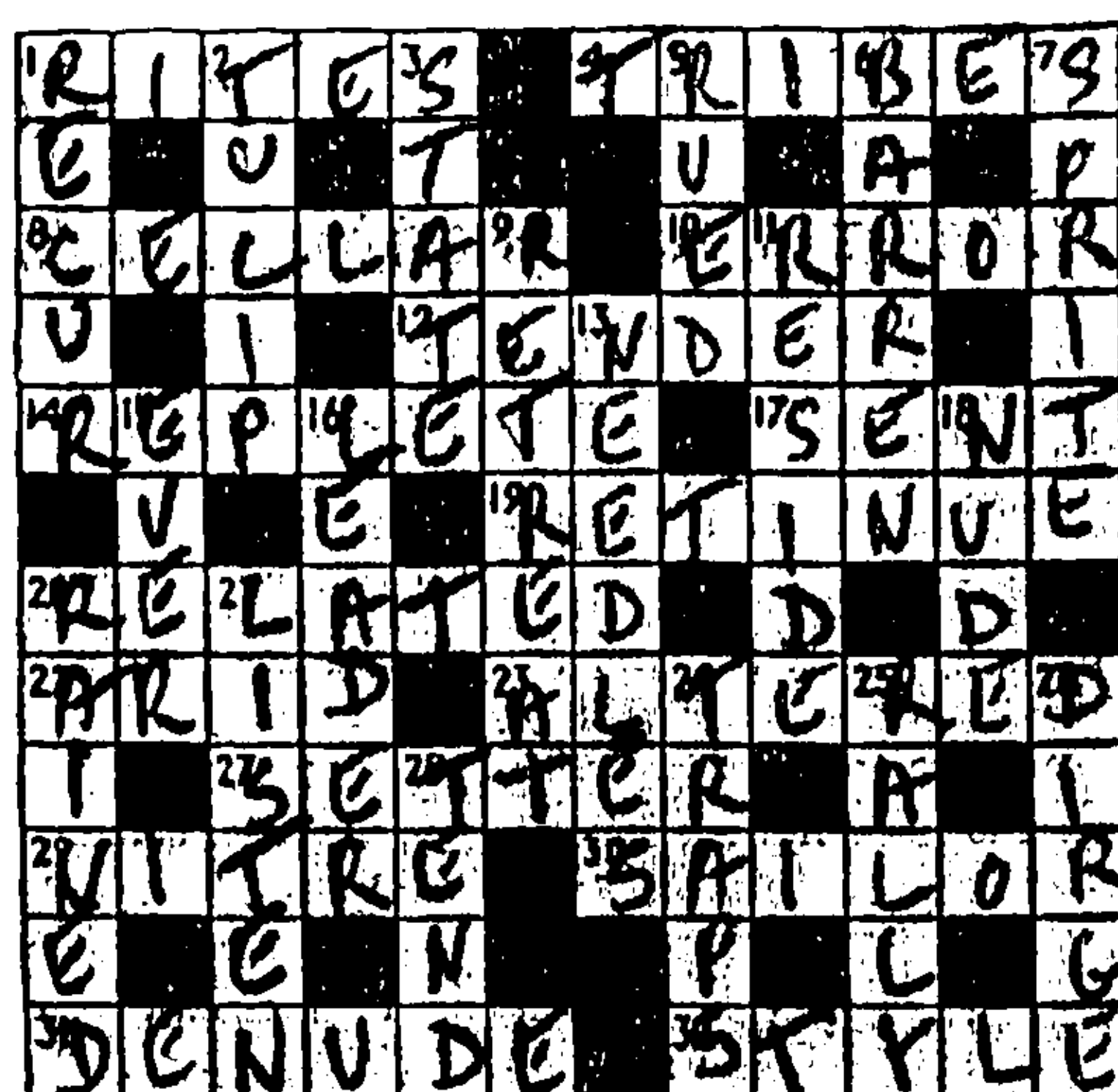
But two days later, when Mr. Rayburn said that the "brink of war" statements were "damaging to the peace," the White House said that it was "not the policy of the administration to comment on the statements of members of Congress."

Peronist-Nazi Links Alleged

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16. Investigation of any wartime links between the Nazi regime of Adolf Hitler in Germany and members of the Argentine government in office before the overthrow of former Argentine President Juan Peron last September 16 was being urged here today by a Radical ex-Deputy.

In a book entitled "Treason Technique," written during his exile in Hungary, the Radical ex-Deputy, Silvio, Saccas, referred to documents allegedly establishing complicity between high-ranking Peronist leaders and the Nazis.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1. Coronations (8).
 4. Clans (6).
 8. Vault (6).
 10. Mistake (5).
 12. Offer (6).
 14. Full (7).
 17. Despatch (4).
 18. Train (7).
 20. Told (7).
 22. Patched (4).
 23. Changed (7).
 27. Game-dog (6).
 28. Chemical (6).
 30. Muttler (6).
 31. Strip (6).
 32. Fardion (5).
- DOWN
1. Do repeated (5).
 2. Flower (6).
 3. Condition (6).
 5. Regretted (4).
 6. Stierle (6).
 9. Split (6).
 11. Withdraw (7).
 13. Bowling side (7).
 15. Always (4).
 16. Chief (6).
 18. Naked (4).
 21. Hearken (6).
 24. Shores (5).
 25. Recover (6).
 26. Mammalian retrals (5).
 28. Inclined (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3. Absolved, 8. Hoop, 9. Detached, 17. Convents, 18. Asps, 19. Corporal, 20. Tormentor, 21. Dail, 22. Rejected, 23. Proposal, 24. Pure, 27. Dismiss, Down: 1. Child, 2. Own, 4. Boom, 5. Onus, 6. Veers, 7. Dates, 9. Deluge, 10. Galar, 12. Ombre, 14. Prince, 15. Robust, 17. Lovers, 19. Dashed, 20. Aways, 21. Rock, 22. Laid, 23. Trust, 24. Edge.

★ ★ FRENCH TROOPS KILL 71 IN MOUNTAIN AREAS ★ ★

All-Out Attack On Algerian Rebels

ARMY OF ALLAH SUSPECTS ROUNDED UP

Algiers, Jan. 16. Air-supported French troops have killed 71 and captured 54 rebels in a massive strike over the week-end against rebel hideouts in the Aures and Nememch Mountains, the Army reported today.

Several regional rebel chieftains were among the dead and captured. The haul netted 363 suspected accomplices of the "Army of Allah." Seventy-two have been detained for questioning. The rest were released, the Army said.

Five sharp clashes were fought over the week-end in the Aures and Nememch Mountains, major rebel activity centres.

Second Highest

The French placed the third highest toll of 71 dead, the second highest since the largest, 100, in late August, when an estimated 2,000 persons had died. Two weeks ago 98 persons were killed in a 48-hour period.

The guerrilla war was intensifying with both the 1,000,000 French and 500,000 Algerians had their eyes set on Paris, where Algeria was the No. 1 problem of parties during the formation of the next French Cabinet.

Several influential groups of French "volunteers" including the Volontaires Algeriens, Amicales, Franciscans and Union Franciscans North-Africain have gathered up against any large-scale concessions that might be made by Paris by forming a "united front."

No Resignations

But reports from major towns said advocates of a liberal stand were gaining ground in an ever-widening circle of the French community, many of whom had lived here for five generations.

The Governor-General, M. Jacques Soustelle, announced today that he would accept no

AUSTRALIAN WHARFIES MAY STAGE WALKOUT

Sydney, Jan. 16. Dock workers in 53 ports called "stop-work" meetings today in what might be the prelude to a nationwide walkout on January 23.

In Sydney, Australia's biggest port, dock unions officials said tonight that a port meeting here tomorrow would adopt a resolution backed by the Australian Council of Trade Unions for a general strike on January 23.

Talks between ACTU dock workers and shipping company owners have failed to reach a settlement.

But another threatened strike may be averted by decisions of captains and other ships' officers in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne to withdraw their resignation notices.

Officers of coastal vessels had threatened to quit if their pay was not increased to include pilotage fees.—United Press.

Sardinian Claims To See Heavenly Visions

Rome, Jan. 16. Francesco Santoni, the 19-year-old Sardinian from Sorso who asserts that he has seen heavenly visions, became so heavy during a trance in his room that friends were unable to lift him, press reports published here today claimed.

The friends were quoted as claiming, "He appeared to be pulled to the floor by an irresistible force."

A few moments later, Santoni regained consciousness and stated, "Now I am light again."

From time to time, it was reported, blood flows from mysterious wounds on Santoni's body. Then the wounds heal and leave no trace.

Another strange feature of Santoni's case is that he has changed from a violent individual to a much gentler one.—France-Press.

BAN ON BETEL LEAVES

New Delhi, Jan. 16. Railway stations in most parts of India are banning the sale of betel leaves—the Indian equivalent of chewing gum—because they "pollute" the stations clean. The deputy Railway Minister, Mr. O. V. Alagesan, reported to Parliament.

Betel chewing, spit out, the leaves are thrown away, creating a mess. The Railway Minister said that he had written to the Railway Board to ban the sale of betel leaves.—China Mail Special.

Village Elections May Be Stormy

New Delhi, Jan. 16. TWENTY million adult villagers will soon go to the polls to elect 55,000 "panchayats"—which are basic units of administration—in Uttar Pradesh State.

Next to the general elections, panchayat elections will be the most gigantic democratic undertaking in India. Other States are expected to follow Uttar Pradesh in holding panchayat elections at an early date.

A feature of these village elections is that political parties as such are not putting up candidates. The basic idea of a panchayat is that it should be manned by persons enjoying local respect for their wisdom and public spirit. Members of a village panchayat are elected by a show of hands publicly.

Strongholds

It is recognised that village elections may not be as peaceful as desired. Panchayats are often strongholds of caste and clan rivalry. In some areas, caste and clan rivalry is so intense that it is feared that the elections will be a prelude to a civil war.

It is feared that the elections will touch the rural people more intimately than those for legislatures should be in the nature of an upheaval.

The authorities in Uttar Pradesh have posted units of armed constabulary and mobile police forces to deal with any emergency. These precautions are taken to be justified in view of certain clashes that have already occurred.

Meanwhile, Ministers have been appealing to the people to overcome caste considerations in electing their representatives.

Mr. Ali Ziaul-Haque, Minister for local self-government, has been emphasising that villagers should try to arrange unanimous elections of the right type of men irrespective of local party politics.

Minimum Age

Apparently, the struggle for power centres mostly around the office of the panchayat pradhan. In some villages, ordinary membership is going a-begging.

The panchayat act provides the minimum age of 30 years for a pradhan (president) and that the candidate should not be in arrears in respect of taxes.

Reports from some villages indicate that women are also being set up as candidates. Of the 27 candidates that are contesting for 19 seats in the village of Dhanuka in the Jhansi district 19 are women.—United Press.

Expense Sheet —1306 AD

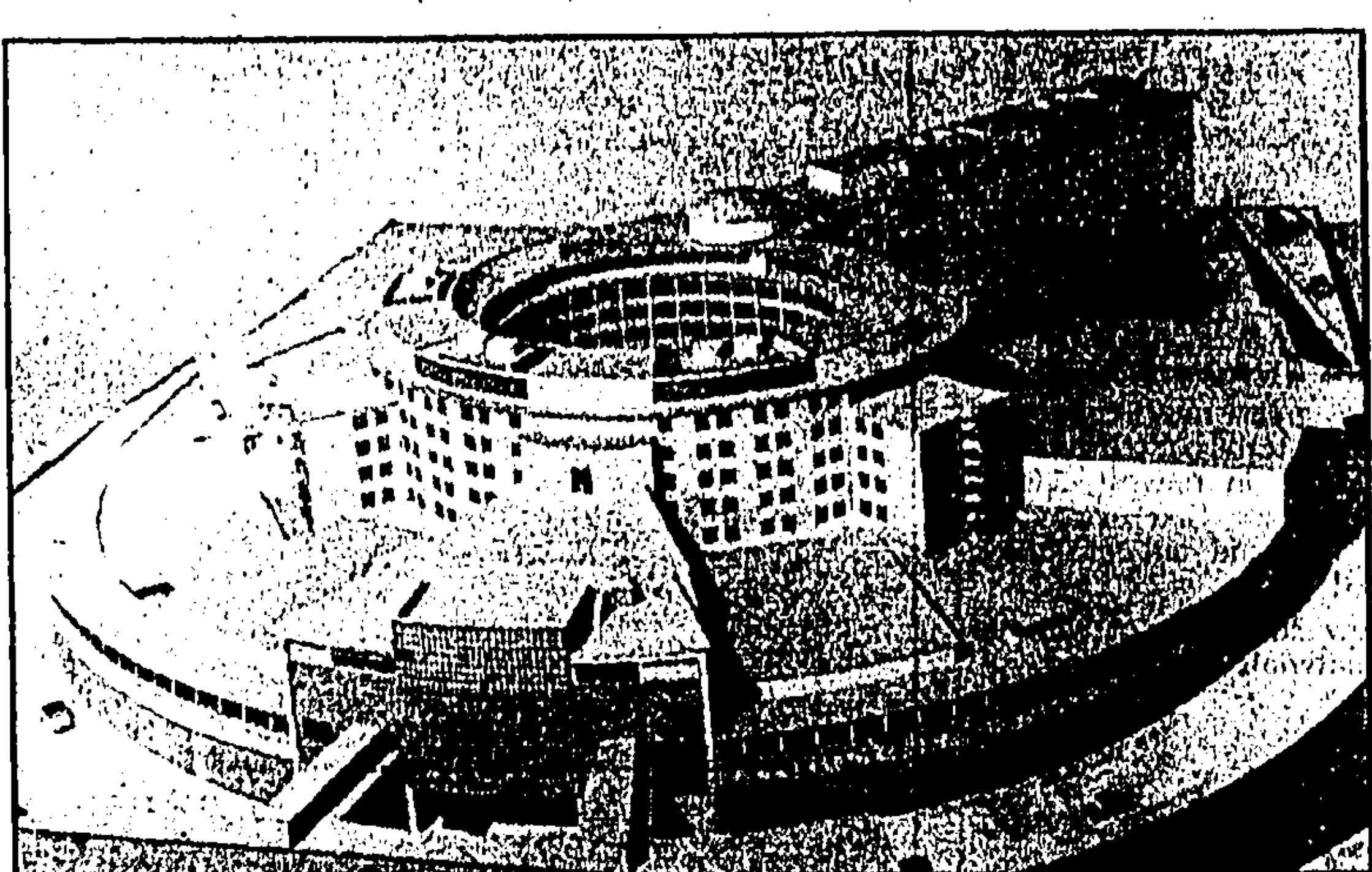
Rome, Jan. 16. Searching through old documents in the archives of Merano, near the Swiss border, an official found a yellowing slip of paper on which were written accounts made 650 years ago.

An expert at the University of Florence identified them as accounts relating to provisions ordered by the Mayor of Merano for the entertainment of a duke travelling to Germany with his entourage.

The discovery is the earliest document written in Italian to be found so far to the north of the country and helps to mark the pattern of the changeover to the modern Italian language from Latin.—China Mail Special.

Johannesburg, Jan. 16. One of a juvenile gang told a Johannesburg court that he and two companions spent £10 on phobias after stealing it from a house.

The £10 belonged to the 70-year-old grandmother of one of the boys. She had kept it in a wardrobe.—China Mail Special.



THE British Broadcasting Corporation has just placed a contract for the excavation and foundations of the main building to be erected at Television Centre, London.

The photograph shows a model of the huge building, which will be in the form of a multi-storey "ring" structure of nine floors, enclosing a court some 150 ft in diameter.

In the ring there will be dressing rooms, wardrobe space and engineering areas

on the lower floors, with offices above. Radiating from it will be television production studios, lecture and teleconferencing areas, and a central control room.

The outer periphery of the studios will be enclosed by a continuous runway along which scenery and properties can be conveyed to the studios from the Scenery Block, which is completed and in use.

What is to be the Restaurant Block for the whole project is also in use, though at

present for rehearsal rooms and offices.

The area to be enclosed by the ring building and buildings radiating from it will be 3½ acres—an area nearly twice that covered by St Paul's Cathedral.

The foundations and retaining wall of this section of the main project are to be completed by the end of September next year, when the building of the superstructure will commence, to be ready for occupation in 1960.—BBC Photo.

DUTCH-INDONESIAN TALKS ONLY SUSPENDED

Geneva, Jan. 16. Indonesian delegate Mohamad Roem said today that the Djakarta-reported recall of his delegation from the Dutch-Indonesian talks means only suspension and not rupture of the six-week-old negotiations.

In an informal press conference after a meeting of the Indonesian delegation this morning, Mr Roem recalled a "possible precedent"—the nearly five months which elapsed between the initialing and final signing of the Indonesian independence agreement eight years ago.

It was the Dutch delegation which went home for consultation that time after initialing the agreement on November 7, 1946, and it was not until March 24, 1947, that they came back with final ratification, Mr Roem said.

This time it is the Indonesian side which will have to return to Djakarta for consultations with heads of the political parties, he said, implying clearly that the talks may be resumed at some indefinite date after that has been done.

Fatal Pause

Unofficially and informally, there was a tendency among some of the Indonesian delegates and reporters here to put indirect blame on the Dutch for the suspension. They noted that the Dutch requested pause in the talks after January 7 gave the political parties in Indonesia an unexpected opportunity to rehearse the original argument about holding them.

In the current fluid political situation in Indonesia, these fresh discussions almost inevitably led to a temporary break and the need for new consultations, these sources said.

"We could probably have signed and gone home with the agreement all ready to present in final form on January 7," one well-informed Indonesian source said, "but the delay was fatal."

News From Home

Reports of the Djakarta Cabinet's decision to suspend the talks were available here only from brief news dispatches, and the promised official cable had not yet reached the Indonesian delegation nor its chief, Foreign Minister Anuk Agung Gde Agung.

This morning's delegation meeting therefore discussed largely only news from home, particularly the possible implications of yesterday's speech by President Soekarno recommending collaboration with the Communists, a delegation source said. Delegates declined to comment on the speech or reveal what had been said about it.

As soon as the official Djakarta cable has been received, and decoded, there will be another delegation meeting to discuss it, probably late this afternoon, a source said.

AID OFFER TO JORDAN NOT FAVOURED

Damascus, Jan. 16. Authoritative circles here said today they believe Jordan does not favour accepting last week's offer by Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria of aid to replace the yearly grants the now receives from Britain.

The offer to replace British military and economic aid—fixed at more than £12,500,000 for the year 1956-57—is aimed at removing Jordan from British influence.

The circles here said Jordan's unfavourable attitude was suggested in a memorandum from the three countries offering aid.

Political quarters predict there will be no new development over the offer until President Shukri al Kuwaili returns to Syria his state visit in Egypt and Pakistan towards the end of next month.—Reuter.

Keep Open Mind On Aid Programme Says Senator

Washington, Jan. 16. Senator Wayne Morse (Democrat) urged today that Congress keep an open mind on President Eisenhower's foreign aid programme until it sees the actual proposal.

He said in a statement: "It would seem wise that no final position should be taken on proposals to authorise five or ten year aid programmes until the President and his spokesmen have been given the opportunity to present his plan and whatever evidence there may be to support it."

Take Lead

Earlier, Mr G. Mennen Williams, Democratic Governor of Michigan, voiced disagreement with some key Congressional Democrats who oppose expanding foreign aid. He said the nation should have a foreign aid programme "not smaller, but considerably broader in scope and resources than that of the Eisenhower administration."

Mr Williams said the Democratic Congress should take the lead in providing it. He expressed his views in a telegram made public by Senator E. J. McCarthy, who said he agreed with Governor Williams.

Governor Williams and Senator Morse spoke out as powerful opposition welled up in Congress to the administration's request for \$1.5 billion for foreign aid.

Aswan Dam

Mr Hoover requested the session to go over several matters with the Committee, including the Aswan Dam, the construction of the Aswan Dam. However, the meeting was not primarily set up to discuss the dam, but to discuss the Aswan Dam.

NEHRU'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY

Recognition Of Only Government?

Bonn, Jan. 16. WEST German Government circles said tonight that reports that the Indian Premier, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, had accepted an invitation to visit Bonn showed that India recognised the West German Government as the only legitimate government in Germany.

No final confirmation of Mr Nehru's acceptance was available at the West German Foreign Office, but officials had no reason to doubt the reports.

Some disappointment was caused last year when Mr Nehru spent two hours at Dusseldorf airport on his way back to India from London without calling in at Bonn.

Interpretation

The unofficial explanation given at the time was that Mr Nehru did not wish to compromise Indian neutrality in the cold war by favouring one half of Germany more than the other.

Some German commentators interpreted this as meaning that Mr Nehru attributed equal importance to the two German governments.

India's attitude was clarified a few months later when the Indian Ambassador in Bonn assured Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, that India recognised the West German Government as the government entitled to speak in the name of the German people. Herr Lothar Bolz, the East German Foreign Minister, reacted sharply to the West German invitation to Mr Nehru, saying that it was an attempt to get Indian recognition for the rearmament of Western Germany.

He said West Germany's foreign policy could not be reconciled with the five principles of co-existence agreed between India and China.

West Germany has cultivated close economic ties with India since 1949. German industry has made important investments in India, of which the largest is a steel plant to produce one million tons a year now being built there by two Ruhr firms, Krupp and Demag.

Education

West German universities and industrial firms have also taken over the technical education of many hundreds of young Indians.

Preliminary work for an Indian-West German technical assistance agreement has begun in Bonn, it was learned from the Ministry of Economics here today.

The existing Indian-West German trade agreement provides for technical assistance but, the sources said, both governments wished to combine them in a special agreement.

They said the agreement could provide for matters such as the supply of German experts to India, information for Indians regarding training for Indians in West Germany. It could also provide for the supply of model workshops for instruction purposes in India.—Reuter.

Brewers Beat Their Quota

Berlin, Jan. 16. A brewery at Dessau was awarded the challenge flag of the East German Government for beating its output quota of beer, the East German news agency ADN reported.

It exceeded its target for the first nine months of 1955 by ten million litres.—China Mail Special.

SMASH HIT

Berlin, Jan. 16. When Lady Fadden, wife of the Federal Treasurer, Sir Arthur Fadden, swung the traditional bottle of champagne to launch a ship here, the bottle smashed back at her.

This happened five times. At the sixth attempt, the bottle and the champagne bottle smashed back at her.—Reuter.

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HAVING BEEN TO THE BOAT SHOW*..... by GILES



"I HAD A ROUGH IDEA WHO'D BE DOING THE YACHTING IF WE BOUGHT ONE."

LONDON EXPRESS SERVICE

A NATIONAL INQUIRY HAS BEEN ORDERED:

THIS OPERATION HAS GOT THE DOCTORS WORRIED

By David Roxan

DR Donald Johnson is a worried man. He is worried about an operation that has already been performed on more than fourteen thousand people in Great Britain.

Dr Donald Johnson is a Member of Parliament for the city of Carlisle, near the Scottish border. He and many other eminent members of the medical profession are today asking: "Are we right to perform this operation at all?"

What is the reason for this self-searching after more than fourteen thousand have submitted to the knife? It is because medical men have discovered that thousands who have undergone the brain operation known as prefrontal leucotomy have changed personalities—and the change in far too many cases has been for the worse.

So serious have the medical profession's second thoughts about this treatment become that Britain's Minister of Health, Mr Iain Macleod, has ordered an inquiry into the effects of the operation as a matter of national importance.

DRASTIC

MR Macleod has asked more than one hundred hospitals to report to him on the post-operation case histories of patients who have submitted to this operation.

Pending the completion of this national inquiry, the Minister is considering whether to issue an instruction that no hospital should carry out such operations unless they are approved by an entire board of doctors, which is the system already adopted at London's famous Maudsley Hospital.

Says Dr Donald Johnson: "At present this drastic brain operation can be performed at the word of a single relative or doctor. And the mentally sick patient concerned has no say whatsoever. Once performed, like the cutting of a thumb, there is no going back."

There is no question that there have been many outstanding successes with this surgery. But the dominating question is—has this highly dangerous operation become a medical "fashion"?

First introduced to deal with a limited class of mental disorders, its use has been widely extended.

The operation has been performed on persons suffering from high blood pressure, asthma, eczema and other complaints believed to have a nervous basis. It has even been given by some hospitals to "difficult patients" to make them "easier to manage."

And the Minister of Health is studying reports of hospitals where it is alleged the operation has been done for experimental "guinea-pig" reasons.

CAUTION

BRITAIN'S medical profession is often accused of being "too conservative" in its attitude towards new treatments. When America "beat the drum" for the Salk polio vaccine, the British Medical Research Council was ultra-cautious and was attacked for being so. In that case caution was justified.

But sometimes, as with tonsils and adenoids operations, certain types of treatment become fashionable.

And many medical men now admit that much of the surgery was unnecessary.

Some people think that too often the wise caution that greets new drugs is thrown overboard when it comes to new surgical techniques.

Today the terrible question is: "Is the trend for the prefrontal leucotomy operation as a 'cure-all' for so many ailments the most dangerous medical 'fashion' of all time?"

What does it do to some of those who submit to it? It makes them unable to deal with life. They cannot think or plan ahead.

Their appreciation of life is dulled. They lose both intelligence and vocabulary. They take longer to dress, to count and to read. They cannot con-

centrate. They lose drive and ambition.

They become quarrelsome, irresponsible and often apathetic. One doctor is already ahead of the Ministry of Health in Britain in investigating these serious after-effects.

Dr P. Macdonald Tow, former research psychiatrist in the Nuffield Department of Surgery at Oxford University, and one of the most eminent medical experts in the United Kingdom, wanted to know more about it. The cases of ten men and 28 women who had undergone prefrontal leucotomy were studied by Dr Tow.

These cases of people who had experienced this particular brain operation ranged from a young man of 20 years of age who was still at college to a 69-year-old woman of private means.

They included housewives, a master builder, a food factory manager, a private secretary, a writer and a housekeeper.

Dr Tow visited each person several times before and after their operations. He gave them intelligence tests, made them answer questionnaires. One year later he repeated the whole process.

DESPAIR

HIS most vivid results came from asking each of the 38 persons to write their autobiographies before the operation, then write them again a year afterwards.

Before her operation a 27-year-old intelligent housewife submitted a long and entertaining and highly interesting account of her life.

One year after the operation she wrote: "At night all is dull despair and desolation. All my will is overcome with dull despair. There is no force within me to overcome fatigue and day-deadness."

Before his operation, a 30-year-old domestic worker wrote a lucid account of his life. Afterwards his words ran together without punctuation and with little meaning.

DON'T BE SHY, THE SERGEANT'S SO KIND

From WILLIAM HAMSHER

IT is Private Fritz's first week in uniform. Five hundred volunteers for the new Wehrmacht have booked in.

By the end of next week more than a thousand will have arrived to start three months' basic training.

From Andernach, near Koblenz, they will disperse in April to other camps all over West Germany as core of the cadres who will snowball the new Wehrmacht until it is half a million strong.

At Andernach, on the new Wehrmacht's first day, anyway, everybody was chummy. No one was in trouble. No one was in a miserable daze. No heated buses were at the station to

save early arrivals a long foot-slog to barracks.

The Commandant, Colonel Ernst Philipp, met them at the gates with a cheery "Good morning to you."

Friendly sergeants waved recruits to their quarters—six men to a room.

Outside, on a parade ground still being rolled by a steam-roller, came a few practice orders. Then Major Hans Busch, gamekeeper, 43 years old—ho won the Knight's Cross on the Russian front in the war—looked the first parade.

"At ease," he said. Then, "Kameraden! I have this to say to you: Despite all we have won through to this day. Now we must pull together. No man worried or in trouble must be shy about approaching his superior officer...."

So to the dais.... Across the square a band began booming out hymns and military marches.

No cookhouse bugle this first day. But a good aroma of pea soup, rich in floating chunks of bacon, was beckoning enough. Smiling waitresses handed round huge tureens to men already six at a table.

No queuing for the men of the new Wehrmacht.

Across the corridor the canteen was serving beer to the volunteers. And the canteen beer is fourpence cheaper than you can get in the public houses of Andernach town.

The fourpences saved will come in handy for the juke-boxes already installed. For fourpence it gives a choice of 80 records.

One of the most popular numbers this first week is a German hit: "I do like staying at home."

A 54-year-old housekeeper wrote a full account of her life before the prefrontal leucotomy. Afterwards she replied to Dr Tow: "I am unable to do what you wish." And nothing more.

Before her operation a 30-year-old supervisor of a telephone exchange wrote of her schooldays and expressed her difficulty in getting on with her mother.

One year after the operation that "difficulty" had become open hostility. She wrote: "Well, honestly, sometimes I could strangle her." And went on: "I often still think the only way out of all this is to be dead."

GRUMBLES

A 48-year-old musician wrote before her operation how much she loved cooking, music-halls, dancing, cycling, bus rides, and knitting. She was happy doing for others. She was proud of her home, liked nice clothes and shopping.

One year afterwards she wrote: "I find it a hard, hard fight to stop from screaming and yelling, and to be civil to anyone...."

She added: "I've no faith that anything on God's earth can bring me back to what I want to be—fit and well. I've no interest in anything I do. Save me...."

A 59-year-old woman gave a straightforward account of her life, though full of grumbles. She was a hypochondriac.

One year afterwards she wrote: "I do not fret or worry. I take life more easily, and I have suffered no mental dimness."

Then she concluded with the words: "I do not feel fit to live in the world."

PROBLEMS

SAIID Dr Tow: "The brain's frontal lobes are related to man's highest achievements. After isolating the frontal areas it must be concluded that a man is reduced to a lower level of activity. Possibly the truest and most accurate way of describing the net effect is that he is more 'simple'."

Not only medical issues are involved in prefrontal leucotomy. There are social and legal issues. Judges and lawyers have discussed that if a person commits murder after a prefrontal leucotomy, could that be his defence?

Would not the surgeon who performed the operation be partly responsible for the crime?

More than 14,000 people in Britain have already undergone the brain operation known as prefrontal leucotomy. But the effects on those who submitted to it are seriously perturbing. Thousands have changed personalities—and for the worse.

So grave is the situation that the Minister of Health has ordered a national inquiry into the matter. Does this brain operation justify the term, "the worst honest error of medical practice?"

Says Dr Donald Johnson, Member of Parliament, a man who is making the operation a Parliamentary issue: "Too many doctors tend to become over-enthusiastic. When they give electric shock treatment they know it achieves results, but they do not know why. There is not much more scientific basis to prefrontal leucotomy."

"It is completely wrong that patients are not consulted first before being submitted to such treatment. In some extreme cases I realise this is not possible, but for most people the choice can be explained and they decide themselves. Too often the little benefit of this operation is far outweighed by the danger of great harm."

What should be the future of the operation that many doctors now call: "The worst honest error in the history of medical practice?"

Who Cares Who Wrote Hamlet? It's the Chipp Shop that Counts!

By WILLIAM BARKLEY

I FEAR they are in a cold sweat now in Stratford-on-Avon. Ah! the mutability of human affairs. To think that the future fame, fortune, and publicity of this excellent town depends on the stroke of a pick and the turn of a shovel in a grave in Chislehurst.

Mr Calvin Hoffman, an American, hopes by opening the very old tomb of Sir Thomas Walsingham to prove very soon that the man who wrote Shakespeare was anyone but.

He hopes to prove that it was Christopher Marlowe, and so to bring justice done. What a knock to Ye Olde Shakespeare Cakes! What a bull in the landscape of Shakespeare—I mean Marlowe.

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LAND FORCES INDIVIDUAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALLISON AND GRANT THRILLED LAST NIGHT'S BIG BOXING CROWD

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

No matter how you like to read your boxing alphabet you would have been satisfied with the fistic fare provided at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre last night when the Land Forces staged their Individual Boxing Championships.

For example there was 'A' for Allison, . . . The Adonis, always aggressive, active and astonishingly accurate. Or again you might have preferred 'B' for Bowen and Benton the boys with the bout blasting blows; there was 'L' for Legerton's lethal left and probably away above the lot 'G' for Grant, . . . greathearted Grant . . . of Grim Gills, Guts, and Gory Glory . . . everyone of them spelt with a capital 'G'.

The wisdom of the decision to stage this important occasion in the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre was amply endorsed by the big crowd that turned out to see it. From the start the atmosphere was one of excitement and anticipation.

There will be many pleasant memories of the night. The supreme brilliance of Allison whose precise punching reached near perfection made him the boxer of the night and I have no doubt that there will be the main event, the fight between "Smiler" Grant and Bowen, as still telling their friends about it.

Grant was good. He took on a boxer of strength and superior experience but he smiled his way through three action-packed, close-fought rounds, right into the hearts of the crowd, and to a point victory. But it was his effort was I think that he had won.

However, the judges did, the crowd cheered him on, heads off, and Roger seemed satisfied. So who am I to take a practical view.

Here is a brief report on the evening's proceedings.

Lightweight Final

Gnr Dannelly (27 HAA) beat Gnr Flannigan (27 HAA) on points.

These two little fighters were evenly matched. Flannigan kept scratching from an orthodox stand to the south-paw style in an effort to confuse his opponent but Dannelly was unimpressed. In these tactics and his better punching won him a popular victory.

Welterweight Final

Cpl Nelson (Northampton) beat Cpl L. L. L. (LAA) on points. Nelson was the star of the night. He was a boxing glove wrapped round his nose just to make him feel at home.

For three magnificent rounds in this bout his nose struck up a close and sanguinary acquaintance with the most left hand I have seen in a long time. Whenever the nose happened to be you could be sure the glove would be there too, and occasionally the glove seemed to be there first!

Allison was action magnificent. His left hand punting was a delight to watch and when the occasion demanded his furious attack with both hands to all parts of the target was

punch that several times stopped him in his tracks. Meigh was a clear winner but not by nearly the wide margin that casual observation might have suggested.

Bantamweight Final

Bdr Carrington (42 Fd Regt) beat Sqr Chua Shu-sum (82 Sqn) on points.

There was little between these two boys and Carrington just earned his victory by reason of his crisp punching.

Featherweight Final

Sgt Hilton (Northampton) beat The Scott (Northampton) on points.

To Hilton the title . . . to Scott all the honours. Hilton was a great disappointment. His punching was wild and inaccurate and even the fact that he was having hand trouble did not wholly account for this.

Scott, hardly more than a novice, took all that Hilton could give and after being dropped early on came right back to last the distance. Hilton was blowing badly in the third round and did not look as fit as one would have expected him to be for a bout of this importance. Scott got a great ovation from the crowd.

Light Welterweight Final

Cpl Legerton (Dist Waps) beat Cpl Gidea (Kangas Own) by a TKO in Round Two.

This was really Legerton's fight all the way. He dictated the proceedings from the start and although Gidea fought back strongly he was outclassed and cut by a very accomplished boxer who has the sort of punch that makes the referee's task an easy one.

Middleweight Final

Cpl Allison (RAOC/DIST Waps) beat Gnr Davis (42 Fd Regt) on points.

I should not be surprised to hear that Davis went to bed last night with a boxing glove wrapped round his nose just to make him feel at home.

For three magnificent rounds in this bout his nose struck up a close and sanguinary acquaintance with the most left hand I have seen in a long time. Whenever the nose happened to be you could be sure the glove would be there too, and occasionally the glove seemed to be there first!

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MISS PATTAPONG



MRS RUMPAI SLOBOL

Exhibition Highlights

Highlight of last night's badminton exhibition was the colourful brand of badminton displayed by Thailand's Thomas Cup Doubles player, Kamol Sutavit, in the fourth match of the night against Hongkong's Robert Tay and K.C. Wong.

Sutavit kept the crowd amused with his unorthodox service, his clowning about the court at retrieving and his acrobatic feats.

From almost impossible angles Sutavit smashed retrieve and countered the best set over by the Hongkong pair. Sutavit will best be remembered for his near perfection in imitating Singapore's Ong Poh-lim's "crocodile" service, but he has yet to perfect Ong's accuracy.

A powerful smash, Sutavit served notice of his high powered smashes even before the match started by raking his almost brand new racket—he crashed his racket on the parquet floor after delivering a smash.

Racket dealers in town. I am sure, will be doing a roaring business today as another Thaiander, in the same manner as Sutavit, had her racket broken in two. That player was Mrs Rumpai Slobol who in the only Women's Doubles match of the night against Hongkong's Miss Helen Kwong and Ullan Khoo broke her racket in the first set when the score was 7-3 in favour of the Thailand pair.

This incident set the crowd roaring with laughter for there was Mrs Slobol with half a racket in her hand, gesticulating in Siamese to the referee to stop the game. The Siamese girl spoke not a word of English and the referee couldn't speak Thai. The game continued for at least six strokes before the referee stepped in and his sister got a brand new racket.

The organisation of the show was again first class. Brigadier L. N. Cholmeley, MBE, Commander Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, presented the trophies at the fringe after each bout.

The small clubs have a hard task in finding youngsters, and a harder one in trying to sell them. The life-line has disappeared.

I know there are many clubs eager to try League football, but unless they can guarantee a good lot of at least 10,000 they are heading for disaster.

I think most of our Third Division clubs will soon be folding complete teams of part-time footballers, and there may have to be a new wage structure, with players being paid on a match basis.

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LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

Thailand's Miss Pattapong Routs Hongkong Ladies' Singles Champion

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Thailand's Unity Badminton Party are leading 5-0 at the end of the opening night of their three nights of exhibition matches and with two nights more to round up their visit to Hongkong it looks like the visitors will completely rout the Colony's players.

Miss Pratheeng Pattapong started the evening with a two-set victory over Hongkong's reigning Champion, Miss Stella Correa, winning 11-1, 11-1.

But in the second match of the night, the Colony 1955 Junior Singles Champion, S. K. Wong after taking a commanding lead of 11-0 in the first set collapsed so dramatically that it was unbelievable to hear the referee counting the score starting from love eleven until eleven-all when Thailand's Chareon Taetrakul eventually caught up with S. K. Wong.

Chareon Taetrakul, probably unused to the CCC court with a low ceiling took a considerable time to measure the court. This was undoubtedly the cause of his trailing love eleven but once he had the feel of the court there was nothing to stop this Thaiander.

The moment Chareon Taetrakul was on even terms with S. K. Wong he forged further ahead to reel off point after point to win the first set at 18-13 and the second at 15-7.

FURTHER AHEAD

The Thai shuttlers forged yet further ahead in the third match of the night when their Mixed Doubles pair, Direk Khajadhye and Mrs Rumpai Slobol beat Hongkong's W. F. Foo and Miss Cinder Ho in what turned out to be the only match in which Hongkong was able to snatch a set off the Thaianders.

Full marks go to Miss Cinder Ho and her partner W. F. Foo. In fact this pair had the distinction of being the only players who were comparable to the Thai standard of badminton.

Before the start of the night's exhibition matches, the Colony players were expected to make it tough—at least a little tough—but, with the Thai toughness that they expected, the result was almost a rout for Hongkong.

That Thailand is nearer to international standard than Hongkong as far as chasing the "bird" is concerned, there is no doubt.

Except for Miss Cinder Ho and W. F. Foo, who made a valiant effort to match Thailand's Direk Khajadhye and Mrs Rumpai Slobol, the others were skittled out with speed and precision.

The capacity crowd was gathered at the CCC to witness a "kill" and like most crowds of a same intention, they were tolerant of defeat as they were victorious in victory.

Direk Khajadhye and Mrs Rumpai Slobol were taken to three sets by W. F. Foo and Miss Cinder Ho which lasted for more than 40 minutes solely because of the agility of Cinder Ho at net and her low services which continuously worried Direk Khajadhye.

ON AND OFF

Khajadhye, ranked Number Two Singles in Thailand today, was on and off his game so often that he had his supporters worrying. In the end it was a very tired W. F. Foo and Miss Cinder Ho who bowed out, but not disgraced.

It was an energy-sapping Mixed Doubles affair for all the four players and had not Mrs Rumpai Slobol committed errors in the second set, especially at half court, they would have won the game in straight sets instead of having to play the deciding set.

In the opening match of the night between Thailand's Women's Champion, Miss Pratheeng Pattapong and Hongkong's Miss Stella Correa, the Hongkong girl put up some emblems of fight for the first few points in the first set when she tried hard to dictate the run of the play. But when the Thai Miss brought on her lobbing and dropping game, the match was as good as over for Pratheeng Pattapong took the set at 11-1.

In the second set, Stella Correa made a brave attempt to swing the tide of the fight, but after no more than four changes of service she gave up the battle completely. I am certain that

Stella Correa despite being tired, still had a lot of stamina left in her.

And I also feel that she was deliberately taking it easy in the first set because she knew it would mean expending too much energy to continue the second set which she hoped to give a better account of herself.

The fact that Miss Stella Correa got only two points from the two set game is ample proof that the ladies' standard in Hongkong is far from high. This was undoubtedly the cause of her trailing love eleven but once he had the feel of the court there was nothing to stop this Thaiander.

The moment Chareon Taetrakul was on even terms with S. K. Wong he forged further ahead to reel off point after point to win the first set at 18-13 and the second at 15-7.

We must raise the standard of our women players before we start sending a team thousands of miles away at great expense.

Chareon Taetrakul singles match, first point went to Wong when Taetrakul crashed the shuttle into the net. Wong took four points in a row mainly from hand-outs by Chareon Taetrakul. A drive to the net and the service changed hands.

Taetrakul threw everything he knew in his hunt for points but once came his way due to his erratic play.

The Thaiander seemed to be controlling at every rally but Wong, despite his distinctive stature, was all over the court, sending back everything that Chareon Taetrakul sent over.

Wong retaliated by sending the Thai schoolboy player a continuous flow of high lobs and then suddenly switched to drops catching Taetrakul completely off his guard and then throwing in some sizzling smashes good measure to take an 11-0 lead.

This eleven love lead by Wong was short-lived for the Thai player having warmed up to the fray kept S. K. Wong continuously on the move.

Lob, lob, lob . . . Chareon Taetrakul worked Wong and the Chinese boy did a continuous shuffling dance with only two basic steps . . . forward a yard and back again. Almost every switch to the net meant a point for Chareon Taetrakul and it was soon 11-11.

A well placed shot by Wong at this stage gave him a 12-11 lead and a smash out by his opponent brought him 12-11. Chareon Taetrakul made it 12-13 and a long rally spell eventually tied the score at 12-13.

Wong showed his five fingers for a deuce and there the Thai player really struck a good patch to reel off the next five points in a row to win the first set at 18-13.

Taetrakul knows a good thing when he sees it. The tactics he used against his opponent in the first set were good stuff and Taetrakul decided to carry them on into the second set.

Wong ran as he was never seen to run and he managed to level at 5-5. It was the same routine and drop, drop, drop and lob, lob and a sudden drop. Wong was at the net and the next second he was sent to the baseline.

Even our seasoned top ranking players who are used to a terrific pace could not have taken such punishment and it must have been wickedly tiring for S. K. Wong. It was 9-7 for Chareon Taetrakul and he was playing better than ever. Wong's accuracy was gone at this stage, he continued to hit out while Taetrakul gave him not a moment's respite. It was high pressure throughout and Wong was "pumped out" in no time.

Wong could not check the trend of play because he could not find an answer to Taetrakul's high lobs and cross court smashes. At 7-9 Wong went all

out but gave the game up when he couldn't match the Thai's backbreaking lobbing. Taetrakul won set and match at 18-13, 13-7.

REAL SAMPLE

The Men's Doubles match of the night gave the Colony players a real sample of Thailand's type of doubles play. It was play that was far too good for Hongkong's Robert Tay and K. C. Wong who bowed out at 15-8, 15-7 to Thailand's first Thomas Cup pair, Sunthorn Suphaphun and Kamol Sutavit. This match gave the Thai Unity Badminton Party their fourth victory without much undue exertion.

Once the Thailand pair settled down, with Kamol Sutavit—a replica of Singapore's Ong Poh-lim at service speed and smashing—playing brilliantly, the Hongkong combination was completely beaten.

The Hongkong pair played a much improved game in the second set but they were rather unfortunate that the Thailand pair was playing on top form. Nothing that Robert Tay and K. C. Wong did was right from start to finish and the double quick time in which this match ended showed without a shadow of doubt that the Thai doubles standard is streets ahead of the best that Hongkong can produce at the moment.

Results (Thailand players mentioned first): Ladies' Singles: Miss Pratheeng Pattapong beat Miss Stella Correa 11-1, 11-1.

Men's Singles: Chareon Taetrakul beat S. K. Wong 18-13, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles: Direk Khajadhye and Mrs Rumpai Slobol beat W. F. Foo and Miss Cinder Ho 15-4, 14-18, 15-9.

Men's Doubles: Sunthorn Suphaphun and Kamol Sutavit beat Robert Tay and K. C. Wong 15-8, 15-7.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss Pratheeng Pattapong and Mrs Rumpai Slobol beat Miss Helen Kwong and Miss Ullan Khoo 15-7, 15-8.

TONIGHT'S MATCHES

Ladies' Doubles: Miss P. Pattapong and Mrs R. Slobol v. Miss Ullan Khoo and Mrs M. M. Chan.

Men's Singles: D. Khajadhye v. Ramon Young or G. Ma.

Ladies' Singles: Miss P. Pattapong v. Miss Diana Yung.

Men's Doubles: K. Sutavit and S. Suphaphun v. W. C. Chan and Wong Wai-hung.

Mixed Doubles: Miss P. Pattapong and Sunthorn Suphaphun v. Miss Helen Kwong and Robert Tay.

WEDNESDAY

Badminton: Hongkong v. Thailand, 7.30 p.m. at Victoria Barracks.

Shooting: Revolver Competition, Hongkong Gun Club range at 8.30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Badminton: Exhibition by Thai Badminton team, 7.30 p.m. at Victoria Barracks.

Squash: Colony Squash Championship at Victoria Barracks Courts at 5.00 p.m.



Sugar Ray Asks For Postponement Of Olsen Fight

New York, Jan. 17.

The comeback boxer, World middleweight boxing Champion, "Sugar" Ray Robinson, has asked for a postponement of his return title bout with Carl "Bobo" Olsen, originally fixed for February 24 at San Francisco, the International Boxing Club announced in New York yesterday.

Mr. Truman Gibson, secretary of the IBC, is to confer with Olsen's manager, Sid Flaherty, shortly to fix the definite date and site for the bout.

It was understood here that Robinson was anxious to have the fight held elsewhere than in San Francisco, where Olsen has most of his fans.

Miami, Florida, is the most talked-of possible alternative. Robinson, making a sensational comeback to the ring, regarded his world middleweight crown on December 9 in Chicago when he beat Olsen by a knockout in the second round.

Robinson is held by contract to give Olsen a return title fight within 90 days of his win. —France-Press.

MCC v. PAKISTAN Scoreboard For First Day Of Cricket Match

Lahore, Pakistan, Jan. 17. The scoreboard for the first day of the cricket match here between the visiting MCC team and the combined Universities of Pakistan was as follows:

Combined Universities, First Innings:

Khawar Butt, b Titmus . . . 14
Ghulam Abbas, c Richardson, b Titmus . . . 48
Ijaz Butt, c Stephenson, b Carr . . . 36
Javed Burki, c and b Titmus . . . 39
Anisulghani, b Close . . . 1
Humayun Zaman, c Close, b Cowan . . . 9
Abdul Aziz, not out . . . 7
Extras . . . 17
Total 168 for six wickets.

Bowling Analysis

Cowan . . . 23 M R W
Watkins . . . 20 17 5
Titmus . . . 32 17 49 3
Carr . . . 14 0 19 1
Close . . . 14 0 14 1
Barrington . . . 0 3 8
Parks . . . 1 4

—France-Press.

MAILEY-TAYLOR MATCH Ray Lindwall's XI 75 Runs Behind On First Innings

Sydney, Jan. 16. Jim Burke, 25-year-old New South Wales opener, virtually made sure of a place in Australia's cricket team to tour England this year by scoring 193 here today.

Despite Burke's splendid innings, his team, Ray Lindwall's XI, finished 75 runs behind on first innings in the Mailey-Taylor testimonial match against John Johnson's XI.

Lindwall's team were all out at the close of the third day's play for 435 in reply to the 510 made by Johnson's side.

SCOREBOARD
First Innings: 510
(K. Mackay 143, J. Ruthford 113, H. Benaud 101).

Ray Lindwall's XI
First Innings: 435
(Burke 193, P. Burge 72).

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Carroll's Crime—Too Old At 32; Australia Call Up Forgotten Man

By ARTHUR MORRIS

Let me introduce to you the best opening bat in Australia today — Sidney Carroll, of the Gordon Club, Sydney, formerly of the Australian Expeditionary Force infantry in New Guinea.

What? You've never heard of him? Well, I'm not surprised, because Carroll is guilty of one of the greatest "crimes" in Australian cricket today—he's too old. Sidney, in fact, is 32.

This matured and elegant strokemaker has been outstanding in his few first-class matches.

In 1949-50, when the Australians were in South Africa, Carroll led the New South Wales batsmen with an average of 51.

When next season came round, however, Carroll was not considered, presumably on account of his great age — 28.

In 1952, when Test players were not available, he played against Queensland and scored 112. Next match he was twelfth man!

A year later Carroll was resurrected again, scored 124.

First Game Of Austrian Series Postponed

The first match of the Australian soccer team series, that between the Wiener Sportklub and All Hongkong, scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan. 18) has been postponed to Thursday, Jan. 19.

This decision was taken at an emergency Interpore Sub-Committee meeting of the Hongkong Football Association held at Sports House yesterday with Mr. Andy Mullen in the Chair.

The Austrians are due to arrive in the Colony by air at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Therefore in all fairness to the visitors and the public, it was decided to postpone the game.

The Committee also announced that anyone who has purchased tickets for Wednesday's game and is unable to go can have their money refunded if they bring the tickets back to the Association's office before 10 a.m. on Thursday.

A press conference will be held at Winner House on Wednesday evening at 5.30 p.m.

The Wiener Sportklub team are at present lying fifth in the Austrian League behind Wacker, Rapid, Vienna and Austria-Wien. Admirers who visited the Colony last year, are in 10th position.

On their current tour, Wiener have played four games in Khartoum (Sudan) and five games in Ethiopia. They are scheduled to play three games in Hongkong, six games in Vietnam and three games in Bangkok.

LANDY MAKES HIS COMEBACK



John Landy, the Australian holder of the World's One Mile record, made a return to athletics recently after a lay-off which had lasted some months. He took part in an 880 yards race and was just pipped on the tape by American record holder, Lon Spurrier. They both recorded the same time—1 min. 51.8 secs.—the fastest half-mile for the Australian.

For Landy the race was something of a try-out, and it is now expected that he will continue to train with the view to taking part in the Olympic Games in December. (Central Press Photo.)

and earned a trip to South Australia and Victoria, where he performed creditably.

During the last MCC tour of Australia he played in an inter-State game. He failed first innings and scored a brilliant 79 in his second, but that didn't seem to redeem him in the eyes of the selectors.

TWO CENTURIES

This season in Sydney Grade cricket he has scored two centuries and amassed more than 500 runs, yet he didn't "make" the Sheffield Shield side until last week, when he was given a chance in the New South Wales line-up after a two-year absence.

For five years the NSW selectors have been youth-happy. Giving youth its chance is a fine thing, but not to the exclusion of mature batsmen still on the late-20 or early-30 mark.

The fact is that in the last five years the selectors have given a dozen promising young batsmen their big chance in State sides and not one has become an Australia XI regular.

That's a poor record for the premier State, especially with a player of Carroll's ability sitting on the sidelines.

I've no doubt the inclusion of Carroll in the Sheffield Shield side was inspired by the fact that the Australia selectors wanted him to play in the Malley-Taylor benefit, really an Australia trial match on January 13.

The NSW selectors' faces would indeed be red if Carroll played for an Australia representative side without having had a State game.

Carroll, however, is by no means a certainty to make the trip to England, for there are four more openers among the 22 players chosen for the Malley-Taylor benefit—Rutherford, Favell, Burke, and McDonald.

Still, I believe Carroll has been shabbily treated by his State, and one can only hope the Australia selectors believe that a cricketer's life needn't end at 32.

The Australian team will be picked on February 8 and already everybody is enjoying that fine old game — Guess Who's Going?

A CERTAINTY

I'll say one thing: Ian Johnson, after his outstanding suc-

cess in the West Indies, seems a certainty to be captain.

Ian is bowling better than he has ever done — I include West Indies form — and it is absolutely necessary for the Australian team to have a competent off-spinner.

If we had had Ian in 1953, when Willie Watson held us at bay, we would most certainly have won the Lord's Test and so drawn the series.—London Express Service.

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RUGGER PREVIEW ENGLAND HAVE FIFTEEN RUGGER TRIERS

By J. R. WATKINS

England's rugby selectors have thrown caution to the winds in naming the side to meet Wales at Twickenham on January 21. In come nine men new to international competition at home. Two, only, stay from last season's Calcutta Cup-winning side. They are centres Jeff Butterfield and Phil Davies.

Of the nine "new boys," none signifies a personal triumph more than Peter Jackson, Coventry's record try-getter and left winger.

Three years ago Jackson fractured his skull. His rugby days were over. Or so everyone thought at the time. But Peter couldn't stay away. "Just to keep fit" he attended pre-season training with his Old Edwardian team-mates at the start of the 1953-54 season.

Peter didn't start playing again until his wife, noticing that he was terribly edgy every Saturday, urged him to take a risk and make a come-back.

Peter did just that. Now he gets an England "cap" as a reward for his persistence.

The eight other newcomers are full back Fenwick Allison, halves Mike Smith and Dick Jepps, and forwards Ron Jacobs, John Currie, David Marques, Alan Ashcroft and Peter Robbins.

IMPORTANT MOVE

The most important move on the selectors' part is the choice of Eric Evans as captain and leader of the forwards. A top personality in the game, Evans is likely to influence his fellow forwards—who form a pack weighing just under three-quarters of a ton.

One of the "older campaigners" to return is Vic Roberts, that trusted Harlequins servant.

He has been out of the international side for five years, and his undoubted experience should have a stabilising effect on the youngsters in the side.

The changes, although surprising to some, had to be made after England had received a 20-3 walloping in last weekend's final trial.

Smith has well earned the place to which he has laid increasing claim since the middle of the last university term. Behind him are Butterfield and Davies, both with recent experience of the big occasion.

The inclusion of Sanders will aid open play, while the enthusiastic Robbins may well give Cliff Morgan a trying time.

A GREAT TEAM

All things considered, England have not a great team. What they have is a side of competent players who will try their damndest to upset the Welsh.

England's team problems were numerous last year. Consequently they did not have a very happy season. I have, in the past, pointed out the advantages and, indeed, the need for a settled side.

If England can beat Wales irrespective of the margin of victory, and are given the chance of seeing through the remaining Home International fixtures, they can be Champions.

But to come unstuck at Twickenham would be a truly most a repeat of last season's troubles—and probably poor results.

I fancy that on January 21 I shall be raising my cap to England, and to the selectors, as a tribute to one of the biggest rugby gambles ever.

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PAT SMYTHE WITH TOSCA.

BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC HOPES

This Shy Girl Pat Who Loves Horses

By ERIC NICHOLLS

If you are determined to reach the top, and have it in you, then you'll get there. I can't remember who spoke those words of wisdom. But they might have been written for Pat Smythe, 26-year-old wonder girl of the show jumping arena, television's Sportswoman of the Year, and a firm favourite in almost every sportsman's heart.

Pat must have had what it takes. For not so many years ago she bought her clothes in the January sales; mother sold the family home so that Pat would be able to afford her horses; Pat herself took a job as a cook-housekeeper in Ireland.

Rather drastic steps one might think. But then they alone cost £15 a week.

Miss Smythe bought her two most famous horses Tosca and Prince Hal for £150 each. Now they are insured for £2,000 each.

Small wonder that Pat Smythe took to horses. Dad was a cavalry officer. At the age of four little Pat first sat in the saddle. At nine she faced her first admiring onlookers in the show-ring. No doubt those same onlookers have continued to admire Pat Smythe galloping along the winning trail to become Britain's leading horsewoman.

Wherever show jumping is held, Pat Smythe is known and loved. She has won prizes at the world's major shows. She has won, too, a place in the hearts of horse lovers everywhere, for her charm and extreme modesty.

All London knows her at the great London show jumping events as, with Tosca or Prince Hal, she ends the day victorious. They know her as Pat Smythe, a star in her own right. And millions who have never seen a horse except between the shafts of a milk cart or beneath a trooper of the Household Cavalry, add their

approval to this high ranking after seeing her on TV.

SUCCESS STORY

But there is another side to the Pat Smythe success story. It is success as a person. For down in Gloucestershire the West Country folk all know her as Our Pat.

They know the little things she does for her horse after the round is over; they remember the trophies she used to win at local shows.

They know Pat as the mistress of Miserden House, the Smythe's home which she now runs as a Guest House. Above all, they know her as a gentle, kind, sincere young woman, whose head has not been turned in the slightest by success.

Star or no star, Pat Smythe does not live a life of luxury. Keeping the horses well-groomed means hard work. She has to be up at six. Often there is a journey of a hundred miles or so in a motor horse-box to some county show. Two hours' hard work on the horses before they can leave, another two hours when they get back.

But despite such a strenuous routine, there is nothing of the "horsey" woman about her. She remains feminine and rather shy.

Pat Smythe is an amateur. People have often suggested that she makes a lot of money out of the sport. Certainly, prize money can be rather substantial. But few amateur show-jumpers can even clear their out-of-pocket expenses on the prize money they win. Pat herself often economises by sleeping in the horse-box at agricultural meetings.

A LONG TRIP

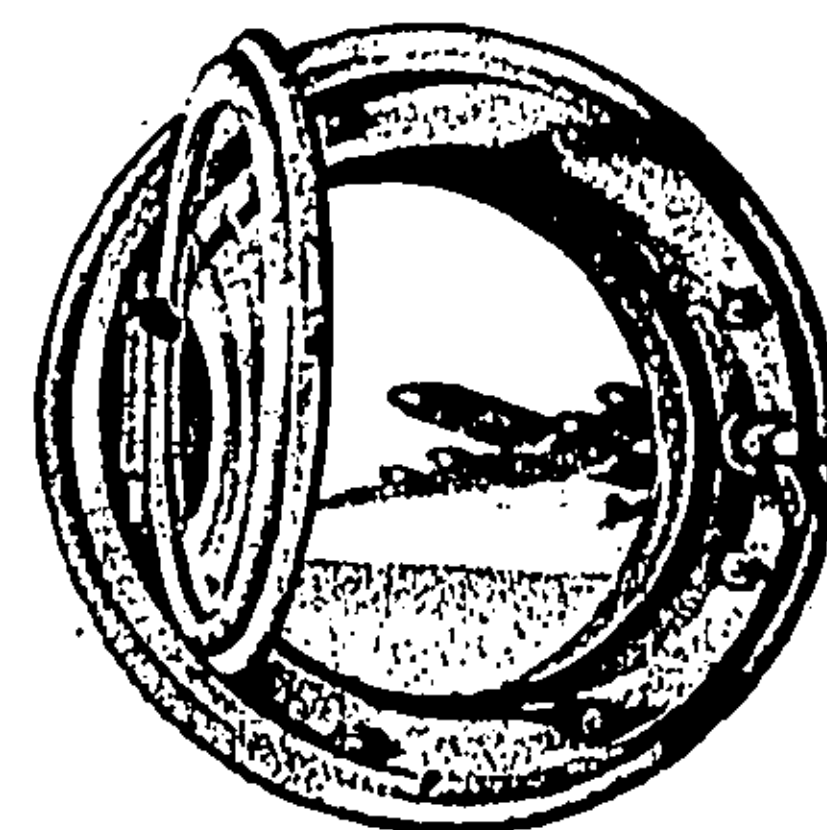
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MARRIAGE BY PROXY DRIVE IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Jan. 16.
A marriage drive is under way along
Australia's New South Wales industrial south
coast, where Italian immigrants are taking their
marriage vows by proxy to brides 10,000 miles
away.

About ten marriages are recorded each week
and at least 2,000 other young Italians are waiting
for mail-order marriages to be arranged, in some
cases to girls whom they have never seen.

Although marriage by proxy, as a means of bringing out
brides, is not confined to
Italy, in this case it is typical.
Australia's fast-moving im-
migration drive, has brought
many symptoms of national big-
dignity as this country
strives to assimilate thousands
of people pouring in from ships
and aeroplanes at a rate greater
than the United States achieved at her peak in-
take.

Explosive

One of the problems is the lack
of proportion between the sexes.
This problem was mentioned
in Parliament recently, when
the Minister for Immigration,
Mr. Harold Holt, said, in answer
to a question, that Australia
was seeking German girl im-
migrants.

On the fast-growing steel-
producing south coast of New
South Wales, the problem is
producing potentially explosive
conditions, which are causing
concern among police, church
and civil leaders.

Immigrants, particularly Ital-
ians, have been pouring into
the neighbourhood of the twin
towns of Wollongong and Port
Kembla where rapidly expand-
ing steel mills and other heavy
industries are calling for more
and more men.

They work hard and receive
good pay. But the small town of
Wollongong, 10 miles from Wollon-
gong, presents a typical picture
of what happens after working
hours.

At Wollongong, there are 700
men, mainly Italian immigrants,
and practically no unattached
women.
On Saturday night, hordes of
lovely men walk aimlessly along
the town's main street. There is
no dance hall, not even a
country pub in the mushroom
town.

Simple

Church leaders view the pos-
sibility with considerable misgiv-
ing, especially as attempts have
been made to exploit the situa-
tion by luring prostitutes from
Sydney into the area. So now
they are encouraging marriage
by proxy which enables the
men to bring their newly-
acquired wives to Australia
in an average of six months.

Marriage by proxy is almost
as simple as the more orthodox
method.

A 26-year-old Catholic priest,
Father Luciano Bianchini, who
has married many of the im-
migrants in this manner, said
that once the immigrant and
his fiancée decide to marry,
they prove to priests their
single status and fill in the
forms required by the church
and civil authorities, then fix a
date for the wedding.

On the wedding day, the
bride attends her ceremony at
her own church in Italy. The
ceremony is the usual one and
many of the brides wear beau-
tiful wedding gowns.
The only unusual thing about
it is that a relative or close
friend of the groom takes his
place beside the bride.

Tiny Chapel

At the same time as the cere-
mony is being performed in
Italy, a similar ceremony, with
a proxy for the bride, is per-
formed in Australia.

Tregilio Danilo, a 27-year-old
steelworker, was married by
proxy recently. He rose shortly
after dawn at the boarding
house which he shares with 19
other immigrants and prepared
to go to work. The only differ-
ence from the normal breakfast
was the congratulations of his
friends and a bottle of home-
grown wine on the breakfast
table.

After the day shift at the
steelworks, Danilo went straight
to a tiny chapel in Wollongong
where he met Father Bianchini.
He was there precisely at the
moment that his young bride,
23-year-old Franca Vonpi, went
through a proxy service in a
small church at Villa Sarasin,
Rome. Danilo's father took his
son's place at the Altar.

Get Into Trouble

"When I came to Australia
three years ago, I wanted only
one thing—to get a job and
save enough money to get
married." Danilo said after the
wedding. "Since I have worked
at the steelworks I have saved
\$700. I also send my parents
money."

"I like Australia and I like
Australian girls—not for a wife
though. But everywhere there
are men, men, men. Some of the
men drink and gamble and get

into trouble, but most work
hard, save their money and
bring out a wife.

"I shall be glad to get out of
here when my wife comes in a
few months and get into a
house where we can live a
normal life."

In many cases, the bridegroom
has known his bride before he
left home, but in other cases,
they have met through intro-
ductions by correspondence,
followed by an exchange of
letters and photographs.

Good Food

Most of the marriages work
out well, according to local ob-
servers, in spite of the fact that
in most instances husband and
wife have not seen each other
for several years, or not met
before.

The man probably is in an
ideal frame of mind for mar-
riage, they say. He has been
living for years in bachelor
quarters, eating poorly, feeling
lonely and saving hard. His
wife represents companionship,
good food and domesticity. She
is a symbol of success in a
foreign land.

The wife has left home,
friends and her own country to
join him in a strange place. This
makes a strong bond between
them.

Industrious

But the church does not act
as a matrimonial agent, Father
Bianchini said.

Most of the Italians in these
parts are young, industrious and
eager to play their true part in
life," he said. "If they can
marry and settle down, rear a
family and become part of
Australia, they will be a valu-
able acquisition to this country."

—China Mail Special.

Envoys Attend Bonn Party



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Philippines, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan,
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Siam, 4 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 4 p.m.
Formosa, Canada, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

By Air
Luzon, 8 a.m.
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nesia, Australia, New Zealand, Cey-
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Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East,
Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.

Malaya, Burma, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Canada, 9 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Ger-
many, Great Britain, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Thailand, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 1 p.m.
North Borneo, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

By Surface
Formosa, 8 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
N. Borneo, 3 p.m.
Malaya, Mauritius, P.E. Africa,
S. Africa, India, S. Rhodesia &
Mozambique, P.T. de L. Marques,
4 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

By Surface
Rabaul, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.

The West German Re-
public's President, Heinrich
and Chancellor Adenauer
were on hand to greet
ambassadors from overseas
at a recent party in Bonn.
Shown from left in fore-
ground are Mr. Hvas
(Denmark), Mr. Aguirre
(Gonzalez) (Spain), President
Hesse, Mr. Hoyer-Millar
(Great Britain), Dr. Adenauer
and Mr. Irigoyen (Argentina).
—Express Photo.

Egypt: Leader Of Arab World

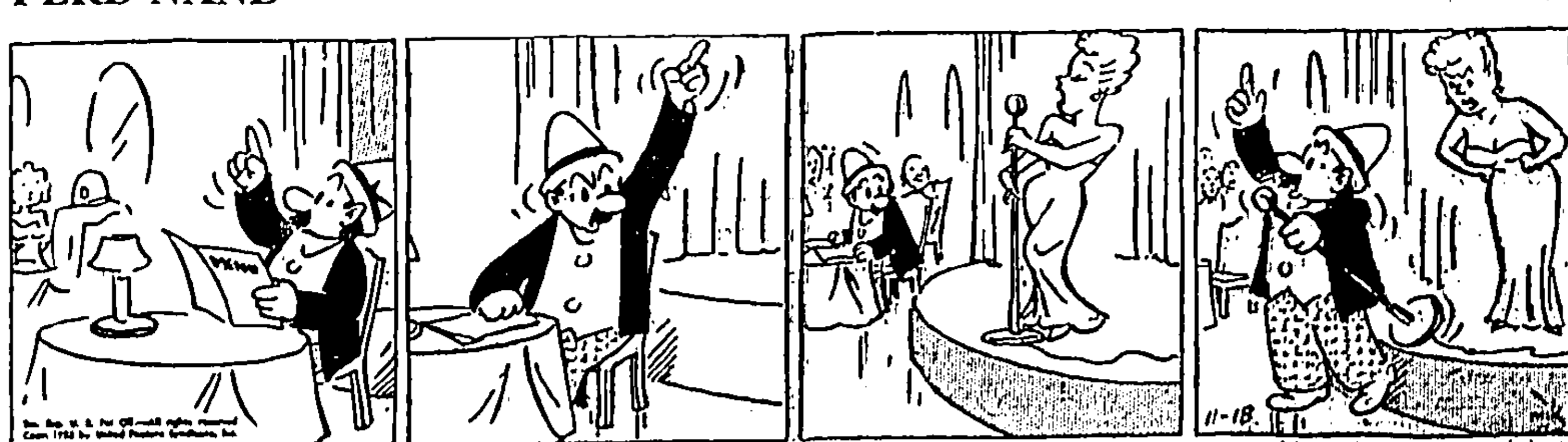
Damascus, Jan. 16.
The Prime Minister of
Syria, Sali Ghazal, tonight
expressed his confidence that
Egypt would lead the Arab
world towards real democracy.
Speaking over Damascus
radio on the occasion of the
proclamation of Egypt's new
constitution, Mr. Ghazal said
the new constitution was an
additional victory for the Re-
volutionary Council of Egypt.
Mr. Ghazal spoke of the "im-
portance" of Egypt's role, to-
gether with that of her sister
Arab states, in repelling the
Zionist danger to the Arab
world.—Reuters.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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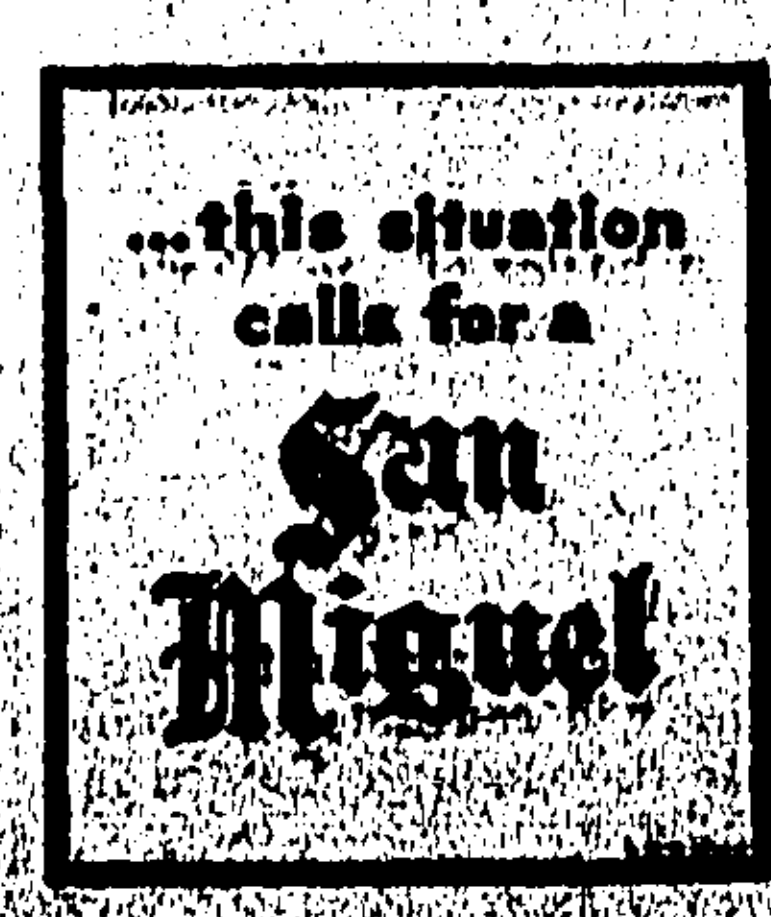


By Frank Robbins

Slow Progress On Spanish Air Bases



By Frank Robbins



Fiji Wages Intensive Battle Against Rhinoceros Beetle

By John Stackhouse

Suva, Jan. 16.

An ominous horned beetle glares like
George Orwell's "Big Brother" at passing
Fijians from walls of public buildings in
Suva.

The beetle is the Rhinoceros Beetle which
feeds on the growing shoots of the coconut palm
and threatens the colony's copra industry—one
of Fiji's three big exports.

So far, the beetle is estab-
lished only near Suva and
authorities here hope that they
may still be able to eradicate
it. For they fear that if it
spreads to other centres, it may
kill so many palms that it will
sharply reduce the amount of
coconut turned into copra for
oil and soap.

The rhinoceros beetle is no
newcomer to the South Pacific.
In 1899, a few hardy specimens
travelling from Ceylon to
Western Samoa with potted
rubber cuttings. They quickly
multiplied and spread to
Eastern Samoa and also to the
French-controlled Wallis and
Futuna Islands.

In Rabaul

In 1948, the beetle appeared
in the Rabaul district of Aus-
tralian-controlled New Guinea
and four years later it turned
up in Vavau, Tonga.

The following year it was
found on Fiji, near Suva.
Officials here think that it must
have crossed the water in either
fruit or plants carried on a
ship.

The beetle, almost black in
colour, grows sometimes to two
inches in length. It has power-
ful legs with long spurs, and
a small horn on its head which
has given it its name.

It breeds in decaying vegeta-
tion and the grub takes about
three months to mature.

When the beetle emerges, it
flies by night in search of a
palm. When it has found one,
it lands on the top and crawls
in among the fronds of the

fronds. It then bores in towards
the centre, making a large hole
as it eats its way towards the
growing point of the palm.

Heavy Loss

When it reaches the growing
point, the palm dies. But, if
for some reason it does not get
to the growing point, water,
rot and bacteria will enter the
hole and also kill the palm.

In old palms, the destructive
beetle means a heavy loss in
productivity. But, as it prefers
young palms, the beetle can
cripple the industry. Replanting
is costly—and there is always
the chance that a beetle at-
tack will kill palms before they
start to bear fruit.

Authorities are controlling
the beetle by destroying the
decaying vegetation where it is
found breeding. Spraying with
British-developed insecticides of
rotting vegetation will often
kill the grubs.

Traps have been developed
to catch some of the destruc-
tive adult beetles.

In one sort of trap, a split
coconut trunk is used to at-
tract beetles. In another, a pit
full of rotting vegetation at-
tracts them to breed. In both
cases control officers make
regular inspections and spray
to kill.

Intensive Appeal

Fiji authorities fighting the
beetle have made some start-
ling calculations. They say that
if left alone, the rhinoceros
beetles can multiply them-
selves 150 times in only 16
months.

The present propaganda
campaign makes an intensive
appeal in all languages to all
communities in Fiji.

The sinister posters of the
beetle proclaim: "Fight this
enemy which threatens Fiji."

The poster stresses that the
copra industry is worth some
£23,000,000 a year (£100
sterling equals £111) or
roughly the equivalent of £210
a head for every man, woman
and child in the colony.

"Thousands of people share
in this money," the poster adds.

"If this industry suffers, the
whole colony will suffer."

Have A Chance

"The rhinoceros beetle is
established near Suva and so
far as is known, only near
Suva."

"Everything possible must be
done to stop it from spreading,
particularly to the copra-
producing parts of the Colony."

"We have a chance now to
halt this enemy."

"The chance will soon be
gone. Let us all act now."
—China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Marked Change In Britain's

Retail Stocks
Under Heavy
Pressure

London, Jan. 16.
Retail industry stocks
felt heavy selling pressure
and featured a general
downturn on the London
Exchange today.

Tobacco, food, textile
and other shares all showed
a downward trend. The
new retail stock index
closed at 100.0, down from
100.5 on Monday. The
textile index fell to 100.0
from 100.5. The food index
was 100.0, down from 100.5.
The clothing index was 100.0,
down from 100.5. The
general index was 100.0,
down from 100.5.

Oils Pressed

Only one oil price was
changed in the London
market today. The price
of No. 1 kerosene was
unchanged at 100.0.

The price of No. 2 kerosene
was unchanged at 100.0.
The price of No. 3 kerosene
was unchanged at 100.0.

The price of No. 4 kerosene
was unchanged at 100.0.
The price of No. 5 kerosene
was unchanged at 100.0.

New York Stocks
Pushed Back
Nearly 2 Billion

New York, Jan. 16.
Stock prices were pushed back again
today on the tune of nearly 2 billion
in overall valuations.

The decline, the sixth loss in the ten sessions
so far this year, cut prices for some leaders
as much as 4 points and there was a saving feature
in activity which inclined only slightly to 2,260,000
shares from 2,120,000 on Friday.

The day's action was
weighed down by a heavy
load of selling. The
market was off 4 points,
and the Dow Jones index
closed at 100.0, down from
100.5 on Monday.

In the opinion of many
commentators, whether or not
the President will be re-elected
again is the big question
in Wall Street.

Alfred P. Sloan, chairman
of General Motors, said today
that the President's re-election
will be the most important
factor in the long-term
outlook for the country.

Record Forecast
Harlow H. Curtice, G. M.
President, forecast another
record for the auto
industry.

Chrysler fell more than
a point, General Motors a
major fraction.

Steel shares were among
the hardest hit in today's
selling.

Bethlehem was off 4 points.
US Steel, Crucible and Youngs-
town Steel and Tube down
2 or more and other leaders
off well over a point.

Non-ferrous metals were
down sharply. Copper rose
American Smelting, Kennecott
lost 2 points or more.

Rail losses ranged to 3 points
in Southern Railway.

Of a total 1,198 issues traded
today, only 225 were higher
while 784 were lower on the
day.

New York Stock Exchange
bond volume was \$4,270,000.
American Stock Exchange
volume was \$20,000 shares.

Closing Prices
Alden Inc. Adv. 100.0
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Allied Mills Inc. 100.0
Allis-Chalmers 100.0
American Airlines 100.0
American Cyanamide Co. 100.0
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American Smelting 100.0
Armco Steel 100.0
Armour 100.0
Baltimore & Ohio 100.0
Bendix Aviation Corp. 100.0
Bethlehem Steel 100.0
Boeing Airplane 100.0
Borden (The) Co. 100.0
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C.I.F. Financial Corp. 100.0
Caf. Trust 100.0
Calumet & Hecla 100.0
Chas. M. Bank 100.0
Chile Copper 100.0
Chrysler Motors 100.0

Economic Climate

STAGE OF EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN
INFLATION AND DEFLATION

MAY BE APPROACHING

From Our Economic Correspondent

London, Jan. 16.

There is no reason to suppose that the construction put
by the London stock market on last week's economic news is
any more reliable than most snap judgments. But though
Britain is not threatened by deflation—as the market was at
first inclined to believe—there has been doubtless a marked
change in the economic climate.

Up to a week ago the stock market was convinced that
inflation would continue. And its opinion was backed by
many economists and financial observers. Wage claims were
increasing while the Government stood by apparently helpless.
Nothing, it seemed, could stop the relentless rise of prices.

Then, several things happened
in one week. First, the
Government announced that
it was taking steps to
control inflation. Second,
the stock market fell
sharply. Third, the
economy showed signs
of slowing down.

These changes have led
the market to believe
that the economic climate
is changing.

The market is now
inclined to believe that
the economy is approaching
a stage of equilibrium
between inflation and
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WORLD
COTTON
MARKETS

New York, Jan. 16.

Moderately active and
mixed cotton futures trading
today featured firmness
in nearby deliveries while
new crop months saw-sawed
uncertainly.

Current March contracts
worked up to around the 34½
cent line, a new high since
March 3, 1955.

Spot month covering, plus
New Orleans and commission
house buying, pointed up
reviving activity in the textile
market and a tightening situation
on "free" cotton supplies
in face of the plant-sized stock
now held under the government
loan shelter.

At the close the list ruled 22
points higher to 4 points lower.
The market opened up 3 to off
13 points. New Orleans closed
up 4 to 21 points.

NEW CROP MONTHS

New crop months met spurts
of hedge selling and realizing
by recent buyers pending further
Washington developments.

In the spot markets, Atlanta
reports noted a good demand
from mill interests in the past
week. Inquiries covered all
grades and staples. With plants
operating at capacity, mills
were said to be thinking of
buying for summer shipment.

Memphis accounts also noted
more mill interest in spot
cotton with sales made for im-
mediate, spring and third quarter
shipments. Houston re-
ported considerable interest by
overseas buyers in the short
staple cotton available under
the export sales programme.

The certificated stock de-
clined 525 bales over the week-
end to a new total of 10,952
bales.

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed
today as follows:

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Edward's Good Deed

THE company for whom Edward works is one of those vast ones whose interests seem to spread into every land, however remote, in which there is business of any kind.

Deep in Africa the vivid design which is the company's trade mark is as familiar to local inhabitants as the shape of their cooking pots; on the passes which climb north from India the slow-moving caravans carry loads that bear the same mark.

There seem to be almost no limits to the heights that a young man can scale, who serves the company well, and a careful watch is kept upon all who show promise.

PROGRESS
EDWARD worked in one of the less spectacular departments of the company, but, even so, he, in his early thirties, earned twice as much as many men earn who have slaved for a lifetime in less prosperous organisations.

Edward spent his money wisely, avoiding indulging in no great extravagances, but using his salary to provide a pleasant home for his wife and two young children and slowly building up savings. If ever a home seemed to rest on solid and secure foundations, Edward's did when he was engaged in the husbandly chore of accompanying his wife on a shopping expedition, her eye was caught by a blouse that she thought she would like to buy.

DOUBTS
EDWARD's wife studied the blouse, half liking, half not liking it, and after chopping and changing her mind several times decided against its purchase. Then when she got home, doubts began to assail her, and a sneaking fear that in fact the blouse would have been just the thing for her.

Several times, in the course of the next two weeks, Edward's wife mentioned to him her chagrin at not having bought the blouse. Edward determined upon a good deed. Next time he was in the West End, he went to the shop where the blouse had been shown, with the idea of buying it for his wife, and putting her out of her misery.

WHAT POSSESSED HIM
EDWARD reached the blouse department. And there, perhaps through embarrassment at finding himself alone in such a feminine world, his senses temporarily deserted him.

For he, whose life had been quite blameless up to that moment, seized the blouse of his wife's desire, thrust it under his coat, and hurried from the shop, without paying.

In the street, he was stopped, and next morning at Great Marlborough Street, he pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing, before Mr Paul Bennett, VC.

The story was briefly told. Edward's solicitor rose. He outlined Edward's career, and said: "What possessed my client, I cannot think."

DETERMINED OPERATION
MR BENNETT, who possibly sees more of shoplifters than any man in London, sighed, and said to Edward: "Your learned solicitor can't understand your actions, nor can I. This seems to have been quite a determined operation—you took the blouse from its hanger, and returned the hanger... Pay a fine of £10, and £3 3s. costs."

"I only hope that this won't affect your job, but that's none of my business," Edward said, and he slipped from the court, glancing about him as he went, as if he half-expected someone from the firm might be present. For in such great companies a careful watch is kept not only upon those who show promise, but on those who fall by the way.

ANSWER TO A CORRESPONDENT

"DXT-57" — Your proper procedure is to report the full facts to the person's employers who are in the position to take appropriate action.—Ed, China Mail.

Pen Pal Wanted
Henry Lal Cheng, PO Box 226, Port Louis, Mauritius. Hobbies: basketball, film, singing, swimming and stamp collecting.

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SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING IN MALTA, SAYS MP

FROM LES ARMOUR

London, Jan. 16.

Conservative MP William Teeling—back from Malta tonight—hopes to see the Colonial Secretary this week to discuss the "serious situation" developing on the island.

Mr Teeling spent two weeks discussing the situation with Maltese leaders, and he believes there is a danger Malta might become "another Cyprus."

A few minutes after landing he told me in an exclusive interview that Maltese Nationalists are becoming increasingly bolder and that feeling was already running high—even before the Nationalist Party has officially opened its campaign against "integration" with Britain.

He said they were angry because the Maltese Prime Minister, Mr Dom Mintoff, had

announced a date for the referendum on limited integration which will leave them little time for campaigning. They also object strongly to some of the referendum machinery, such as the provision which will allow "bitter" to take a "bitter" person into the polling booths with them.

"VERY UPSET"
Seventy-five percent of the Maltese population over 35 is said to be illiterate and the Nationalists believe that this provision will weigh heavily against them.

Mr Teeling also visited the Archbishop of Malta and found him and other Roman Catholic Church leaders "very upset." The main danger, Mr Teeling believes, is that the referendum will be passed and the Nationalists will become even more bitter.

He believes that many of them may refrain from voting and that afterwards, if Nationalists are elected to the British parliament, they will refuse to share and refuse to operate the machinery of integration.

They are, he says, angry with the British government for its part in the situation, and angry with the Imperial government in Malta for agreeing to Dom Mintoff's referendum date. — London Express Service.

New German Navy Coming Into Being
Bonn, Jan. 16.
The West German navy hopes to be able to put 18 minesweepers into service in April this year as its first seagoing units, according to plans made public here today.

The 18 vessels are former German navy ships which the United States handed over after the war. Manned by German crews—members of the labour service units attached to the allied forces in West Germany—they helped in clearing the coastal areas of mines.

West Germany has asked the United States to lend her 12 destroyers for the next six years, since it is impossible to build all the destroyers needed to bring the West German navy up to full strength in Germany within the four years envisaged for completion of the navy.

Britain has been asked to sell West Germany seven frigates as training vessels. Generally, however, the German navy plans to have its ships built in German yards. This was thought preferable since the main field of operation would be the Baltic and German yards had experience in constructing vessels for the particular requirements of this area.

170 VESSELS
The full strength navy will have 170 vessels with a complement of 17,000 men. This strength is to be reached by January 1, 1960.

The emphasis will be on destroyers of about 2,200 tons. Under her treaties with the Western allies, West Germany has accepted the restriction that she may not have surface vessels bigger than 3,000 tons or submarines bigger than 300 tons.

Besides the destroyers, there are to be minelayers of about 2,600 tons, convoy escort ships of from 1,200 to 1,400 tons, specially equipped for anti-submarine warfare and anti-aircraft tasks, minesweepers and coastal submarines of 300 tons.

The navy will further get landing boats for amphibious operations, a sailing ship for the training of officer cadets, and a large schoolship of 4,500 tons for long training voyages abroad.

OWN AIR ARM
The naval forces will also have their own air arm, divided into two groups for the Baltic and the North Sea. These groups will be equipped with planes specially designed for anti-submarine warfare, reconnaissance planes and fast planes for tactical support of the floating units.

Naval headquarters is to be stationed at Wilhelmshaven, the North Sea port built by Kaiser Wilhelm II for his navy. The units are to be dispersed along the North Sea and Baltic coast to prevent a "massing" that might become dangerous in case of sudden attack.

Most likely candidate for the command of the naval forces is former Vice-Admiral Friedrich Ruge, 61, a naval officer from 1914 until 1942.

Ruge, a specialist in coastal defence, was assigned to Field Marshal Rommel's staff in 1943 when the marshal was building up the Atlantic defences on the coast of France.—Reuters.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Yes, I'm glad to be Mama's little helper—do I get time and a half for overtime like the plumber?"

Mortgage Action: Court's Opinion Sought

A motion arising from an affidavit filed by the second defendant in the taking of certain accounts ordered by the Trial Judge in 1954 in respect of a claim for repayment of a mortgage, was brought before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

The motion was for an opinion of the Court under Order 30 Rule 52 of the Code of Civil Procedure that on the taking of the accounts in accordance with the judgment of Mr Justice C. W. Reece dated July 20, 1954, defendants were not at liberty to say or affirm that the plaintiffs had been repaid the principal sums due to them in respect of one-third share in the mortgage due to the present plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs are Wong Tang Pui-king, widow, and Wong Hon, both of No. 67 Des Voeux Road West.

Defendants are Shum Shi, alias Li Shum-shi, married woman; Li Ka-shu, alias Li Chung-po; Li Ka-gok; Li Ka-shi, all of No. 68C Bonham Road; and Wong Tsz-tang representing the estate of Wong Hep, deceased.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr D. Szeto of Messrs Brutton and Company, appears for the plaintiffs. Second and third defendants are represented by Mr F. F. Zimmerman. First, fourth and fifth defendants are not represented by Counsel.

THE POSITION
Mr Bernacchi said that they were before the Court in respect of a matter which had arisen as a result of an affidavit filed by the second defendant in the taking of certain accounts ordered by the Trial Judge, Mr Justice Reece.

The position in this case, Mr Bernacchi said, was that none of the defendants originally appeared in the action. They subsequently tried to set aside the judgment without success. Counsel referred the Court to Mr Szeto's affidavit filed in support of the motion, dated November 15.

Mr Bernacchi said that the action was in respect of two-thirds share in a mortgage which was originally granted in 1932 but it was subsequently assigned in 1938 to three persons as tenants in common in equal shares, two of whom were the present plaintiffs, i.e. Wong Hon and Wong Chi, whose estate was represented by his widow, the first plaintiff.

The third tenant in common was Wong Hop and the fifth defendant was the representative of his estate. He also had not attempted to play any part in these proceedings.

Mr Bernacchi said that the action (No. 87/54) sought to enforce repayment of the mortgage if necessary by sale of the property and claimed payment of two-thirds of the principal, i.e. \$46,068.07, together with certain claims for interest. In the alternative the claim sought for an account to be taken of what was due under the mortgage and for payment of sums found due and also for supplementary orders as regards sale of property, orders for return of title deeds, etc.

Nothing seemed to have happened for a while and ultimately plaintiffs proceeded through their solicitors, to file the ordinary affidavit before the Registrar to enable him to certify the exact amount due and owing, and then suddenly they had an affidavit filed by the second defendant in which he claimed that the whole of the principal had been repaid and that nothing was due and owing to the plaintiffs. In other words second defendant said that the plaintiffs should not have succeeded in their action at all.

Mr Bernacchi said that it was his submission that the Court should direct the Registrar that the defendants were not at liberty to be heard to say or affirm that the plaintiffs had been repaid the principal sums due to them in respect of one-third share each in the mortgage debt due to the present plaintiffs.

Hearing is continuing.

Alleged Forged Imperial Preference Certificates

Evidence of the procedure adopted in negotiations involving the use of imperial preference certificates was given before Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning in the case against Li Chak-chi, alias George Lee, 31, described as proprietor of the Ocean Garments Manufacturing Co., charged with uttering forged documents with intent to defraud.

Accused was alleged to have uttered two forged imperial preference certificates on March 1 and March 30, last year, in connection with the export of handkerchiefs to Rhodesia.

He is defended by Mr Y. H. Chan, of Lau, Chan and Ko, Mr J. Bodilly, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. The first witness this morning was Mrs B. A. Alltree, of the Department of Commerce and Industry. She testified that her duties relating to the certificates were to sign them, on instructions of Mr McGregor, her superior.

After she had signed the documents the applicant concerned paid the required fee for it. The Department's office stamp was then affixed on the original of the document. The duplicate copy was kept in the Department's files, and the original handed to the applicant.

Witness said that before she signed the original of the document, samples of material and a red seal were attached to the document.

Mrs Alltree identified her own signature on some of the certificates shown her. She identified the signature of another person, Mrs. Soutar, on others. Mrs Soutar used to help out with this work sometimes.

KNEW ACCUSED
Mr A. H. E. da Silva, supervisor employed at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Mongkok agency, gave evidence that his duties included receiving shipping documents for negotiation from the bank's customers. These included imperial preference certificates.

Witness said he received that document about March 1, 1955, from the Ocean Garments Manufacturing Co. He knew the accused personally. Accused's signature was one of those registered at the bank as under the Ocean Garments Manufacturing Co.

He could not say whether samples were attached to that document at the time he received it, Mr Silva said.

Witness was shown another certificate. He identified it as having been negotiated through the bank by the same company, about March 30, 1955. The proceeds were credited to the company.

Mr Silva went on to say that every such document received was examined by him. If, for instance, he saw a stamp on the document, without any sample attached, he would query the customer concerned.

In the present case, he had no reason to raise any query. Shown another certificate, witness identified it as having been negotiated by Ocean Garments about May 2, 1955. He also credited the proceeds to that company. He had no reason to query this document.

ALTERNATIVES
In reply to a question, witness said that documents could be forwarded direct to a purchaser overseas, without going in through a bank. Payment could also be made without going through a bank.

Cross-examined, Mr Silva said the documents received by him from Ocean Garments would sometimes be forwarded to the bank's correspondents abroad and sometimes to the bank's London office.

In the case of the exhibits shown him, they were all sent to the London office. This was because the drafts were to be drawn in London on various other banks.

Further questioned, witness said that in regard to the matter involved in the exhibits shown him, the bank had been fully re-imbursement with the amounts it had credited to the Ocean Garments Manufacturing Co. Hearing is proceeding.

Cypriots Go On Strike

Nicosia, Jan. 16.
Two thousand Cypriot workers employed on the construction of a Royal Air Force base at Akrotiri near Limassol declared a one-day strike this morning after Commando troops had fired on a fellow worker.

The man was fired on when he left a bus at a military checkpoint. He suffered a grazed ear. Two petrol bombs which exploded during the night outside the Nicosia home of a British officer caused neither casualties nor damage.—France-Press.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN KOWLOON

A pedal cyclist was killed in Boundary Street yesterday afternoon when he was run over by the rear wheels of a commercial lorry.

The deceased, Lee Fung, was about 25 years old.

A private car collided with a four-year-old Chinese boy in Canal Road, West near Wanchai Road, yesterday afternoon. The boy sustained facial injuries and was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital where he received treatment.

No trial date was set.—United Press.

Murder Trial Is Adjourned

Counsel's Father Dies Suddenly

Mr John Clifford, the barrister, applied for an adjournment of a murder trial this morning because of the death of his father in England.

Both Mr Justice James Wicks and Crown Counsel, Mr Desmond Mayne on behalf of the Legal Department, expressed their deepest sympathy with Mr Clifford on his great loss.

Mr Clifford said that he had to return to England immediately and would be there for two weeks.

Mr Clifford, instructed by Mr P. D. Remedios, is Defence Counsel in the case of Li Nung, charged with the murder of Hung Ol-chung on October 11.

ACCUSED'S REQUEST
He told the Court this morning that he was prepared to hand back his brief, but the accused had specifically asked that he continue, particularly as he attended the committal proceedings and had seen the demeanour of the witnesses in the lower Court which he considered to be of great importance in the case. The accused wished him to be retained even if it meant putting the case over to the next Sessions.

Mr Clifford said that the first date available after his return from England would be February 27.

Mr Mayne raised no objection and the trial was adjourned to the next Sessions.

Radio Hongkong

6 p.m.: Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.05, "Starlight" by W. G. Edwards with Chorus and Orchestra. 6.30, Advertisement. 6.35, "First Works by Rachmaninoff by Mary Richardson (piano); Egle Op. 13, No. 1; and Op. 22, No. 12 in sharp minor and No. 5 in G major; Polichinelle, Op. 3 No. 4; Examination Piece. Also for Soprano: "The Fairy Queen" (Puccini)...Phyllis Curtis (sopr.); Instruments of Western Music—"The Horn". A Short Talk by Jeremy Noble, recorded from London, 6.55, Weather Forecast. 7.00, "The News" (London Relay); 7.05, Commentary (London Relay); or Special Announcements. 7.10, "First Works by Rachmaninoff by Mary Richardson (piano); Egle Op. 13, No. 1; and Op. 22, No. 12 in sharp minor and No. 5 in G major; Polichinelle, Op. 3 No. 4; Examination Piece. Also for Soprano: "The Fairy Queen" (Puccini)...Phyllis Curtis (sopr.); Instruments of Western Music—"The Horn". 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